1. Tanzania commends the Secretariat for bringing this important agenda item “Accelerating cancer elimination”, a joint action, which was launched as an effort in May 2019.

2. We take note of the report by the Secretariat which has highlighted the elimination targets. We welcome the draft global strategy to accelerate cervical cancer elimination, 2020-2030 which we hope we drive the momentum of all of us in addressing Cervical Cancer.

3. Tanzania is among the top 20 countries in world with high burden of cervical cancer, as a result we have already revised the national cervical cancer prevention and control strategy to align with the initiative of the elimination agenda for cervical cancer. Our HPV coverage stands at 81% (HPV-1) AND 49% (HPV-2) by November 2019.

4. We have however observed that there are key impending obstacles to overcome as we implement the elimination strategy
   - Many of our primary care health facilities where early diagnosis can be done, lack skilled personnel and equipment to enable early diagnosis. A need of innovative simple rapid diagnosis kits is thus imperative
   - High costs of HPV vaccines, and also inadequate production. This needs to be urgently addressed. In Tanzania, we have only obtained few doses for only the current cohort.
   - A need to continue operational research on how to engage community using cultural acceptable package

5. We need to address these key issues as countries embark on implementing actions in the global strategy for elimination.

6. Lastly, Chairperson, we propose adoption of the proposed resolution

7. I thank you