Intervention by Tonga to the Executive Board on agenda item 4 and agenda item 21.1 (EB 146/28 Rev 1).

Honorable Chairman,

1. Tonga welcomes the update on the WHO results framework as noted on document EB/28 Rev 1 Program Budget 2020-2021 WHO Results framework - an update. We look forward to seeing further strengthening of the ways in which the Organization can be held accountable.

2. Tonga is in full support of the critical value of measuring the impact of GPW13 on people’s health at country level and to regularly track the joint efforts of the Secretariat, Member State and partners to meet GPW13 targets and achieve the SDGs.

3. On the other hand, data collection may prove resource-intensive for many Member States, especially Small Islands Development States like Tonga. Tonga wishes to reiterate previously-made 3 suggestions about the results framework– 1. WHO should focus on supporting the whole health system improvement, not just data collection 2. WHO should consider the burden of reports on Member States and avoid duplications and 3. Clarification on the methodology of the “output scorecard” and how to provide country qualitative case studies if still needed.

4. Lastly, Tonga will welcome the support of WHO, where possible, to develop stronger partnership between Member States and Tertiary Research Institutions to strengthen the Member States’ health systems, especially health information and research. This will further strengthen this result framework initiative.

Thank you Honorable Chairman