STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 6 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: DRAFT OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: TRANSFORMING VISION INTO ACTION

Chairperson, thank you for giving Zambia an opportunity to contribute on this important subject. Zambia fully supports the statement given by Kenya on behalf on the Afro region. Zambia commends Secretariat for a well-articulated operational framework particularly the expanded strategic and operational levers all speaking to strengthening of key building blocks of a functional Primary health care system, an imperative to universal health care coverage. Chairperson; Despite Primary Health Care being a topical subject in the past 40 years, a lot more work needs to be done at all levels of WHO and member states to have meaningful impact on the health and wellbeing of our people.

Zambia therefore, welcomes the re-energized focus stressing translation of primary health care vision into action. It’s our conviction that this time around we shall see palpable and visible actions to actualize primary health care oriented health services anchored on robust and resilient health care systems.

We applaud secretariat for amplifying multisectoral approach in general and engagement of the vulnerable and disadvantaged populations, and we propose that this group be spelt out clearly under description of engagement of communities and other stakeholders in the framework. We further urge Secretariat to expeditiously come up with a roadmap for the development of a monitoring and evaluation framework with clear timelines as this is imperative to monitoring implementation and measuring impact particularly at country level.

Chairperson: It’s clear that the proposed framework will enhance WHO, member states and stakeholders’ advocacy, accountability, transparency, and resource mobilization agenda.

Zambia therefore notes the report and supports the implementation of the draft operational framework for primary health care. I thank you.