STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA, Sustainable Financing Agenda Item 19.3

Thank you, Chair,

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia aligns itself on the statement delivered by Ghana on behalf of the 47 Member States of the WHO Africa Region.

Ethiopia appreciates the commitment and hard work of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing, and the Bureau Members, Member States and all involved in this process and notes the report.

Ethiopia believes that Assessed contribution increase will help to fill the critical gaps in staffing and improve technical supports at the country level considering the country's ability to pay and the economic impact of pandemics take into account.

The government of Ethiopia believes that Assessed contribution will minimize and help address the inequity issues that many member states are facing in general and as a result of the ongoing pandemic while it will enable the WHO to be a strong and independent organization to achieve its goal.

Finally, Ethiopia would like to express the strong commitment to support and work with other Member States on the next steps and request for the consultation to precede and come to consensus before the upcoming WHA.

I thank you!