



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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NATIONAL STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Thank you Chair

Kenya aligns this statement with that delivered by Botswana on behalf of the African Member States.

Kenya commends the Director General for his leadership in steering WHO towards achieving overall gender parity. We also welcome the update on the new programme to support entry for young professionals from Low- and middle-income countries.

Kenya also takes note of the five priorities intended to accelerate progress towards implementation of the 13th General Programme of Work and welcome the proposed increase of funding to countries and regions.

This is critical to support countries reorient health systems towards primary healthcare and UHC.

The Greater Horn of Africa is one of the world's most vulnerable geographical areas in relation to impacts of climate change and is currently experiencing rising food insecurity due to extreme climate events such as drought and flooding.

Kenya therefore thanks WHO for launching Health Emergency Funding appeal which seeks to raise 2.5 billion dollars to support response efforts in countries. We appeal to WHO Member States and donors to respond positively to this call and stand ready to continue supporting regional efforts in this regard,

Regarding the malaria vaccine, we look forward to continued funding towards the manufacture and supply of the vaccine, even as WHO scales up introduction to the 28 interested countries.

I thank you.