



Republic of Zambia

ZAMBIA EB158 STATEMENT: AGENDA ITEM 4 ON THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Thank you, Chair.
2. Zambia aligns with the Statement delivered by Cameroon on behalf of the African Group.
3. We thank the Secretariat for the Report on Regional Committees and commend respective regions for progress made despite the prevailing challenges.
4. Zambia wishes to thank the 47 Member States of the WHO African Group, the WHO and other relevant stakeholders for the support rendered towards the successful hosting of the 75th Regional Committee Meeting for Africa in Lusaka.
5. We wish to highlight three commitments made during the Committee, which was officiated by Mr. Hakainde Hichilema President of the Republic of Zambia:
 - i. The launch of the “Continental Cholera Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan 1.0”;
 - ii. The provision of Office Space for the WHO Country Office; and
 - iii. Zambia’s commitment to establish the first Cholera Vaccine Manufacturing Plant in Africa, as a way of contributing to local manufacturing capacities within the region and ensuring equitable access to medicines, therapeutics, vaccines and other health-related products.
6. Zambia remains committed to the values and principles of the WHO and to working together with other Member States to defend everyone’s right to quality health.

I THANK YOU