

Statement from Zimbabwe during EB

Agenda item 6.3

Report on hosted partnerships

Chair,

Zimbabwe thanks the Secretariat for the reports on hosted partnerships and the review of Unitaïd. Zimbabwe recognizes the important contribution that hosted partnerships continue to make in supporting WHO's mandate and strengthening global health collaboration.

Zimbabwe particularly welcomes the work of Unitaïd in expanding access to affordable and innovative health products for low- and middle-income countries, especially in the areas of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, cervical cancer and medical oxygen. We note with appreciation the collaboration between WHO and Unitaïd that has supported the scale-up of dolutegravir-based HIV treatment, shorter tuberculosis regimens and dual active-ingredient insecticide-treated nets, which are of direct relevance to countries in our Region.

Zimbabwe also welcomes ongoing efforts to strengthen regional manufacturing capacity in Africa for medicines, diagnostics and oxygen production. These initiatives are important for improving health security, reducing dependency on external supply chains and ensuring more equitable access to essential health products.

Chair,

Zimbabwe supports the continued alignment of hosted partnerships with national priorities and WHO's General Programme of Work, while ensuring country ownership, sustainability and equitable access to innovation for developing countries.

I thank you.