Your Excellency Dr Tedros,

Distinguished delegates,

It is my great pleasure and honour to address you on behalf of the Council of Ministers, health authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and on behalf of myself.

Bosnia and Herzegovina faced COVID-19 epidemic on 5 March when the first case was registered. So far, there were 2,265 confirmed cases, 131 deaths and 1,355 recovered. Total 48,528 was tested.

Health authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been implementing surveillance and response activities in accordance with WHO recommendations and guidelines, in a coordinated manner, which was considered satisfactory. In that regard, I would like to stress that Bosnia and Herzegovina is among three countries with a minimum number of infected cases, according to assessment made by WHO-Country Office based on monitoring of epidemiological situation in the region. Thanks to timely action taken and support provided by WHO and other UN organisations and taking into account the reduction in COVID-19 incidence, we started mitigation of health and safety measures since 1 May.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is committed to further strengthening health sector capacities for better prevention and combating cross-border threats to human health in the future.

At the end, I would like to express appreciation to WHO and all countries for generous expert and technical support provided to Bosnia and Herzegovina in this difficult time.

Thank you for your attention.