

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
ON
AGENDA ITEM 11.3 GLOBAL VACCINE ACTION PLAN
OF THE SEVENTY THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (RESUMED SESSION)
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Thank you Chair.

Indonesia support global effort in improving access to vaccines and immunization services to achieve a high and equitable immunization coverage, in line with the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) strategies and objectives.

New vaccine introduction has become a high priority in most low- and middle-income countries, including Indonesia, as the main strategy to reduce under-five and infant mortality at the lowest rate. However, high price of vaccines causes a slow progress on new vaccine introduction. In this matter, Indonesia urges WHO to provide supports in the vaccine price negotiation to increase affordability of these countries to have more new vaccines to be introduced in the near future.

Indonesia is strongly committed to achieve several important global and regional goals, namely measles and rubella elimination and global polio eradication. We are also committed to sustain maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination. Indonesia keeps on improving coverage and quality of routine immunization program, as this is the key part to realize these goals. Indonesia also concerns on the stability of the global health, as a country sending the largest pilgrims in the world, the Government of Indonesia ensures that all departing pilgrims have been vaccinated.

However, issue of hesitancy towards vaccine remain a challenge to reach a maximum coverage of vaccine. Therefore, we request WHO and other partners to support countries in addressing this issue in order to increase immunization coverage and further provide optimum protection against vaccine preventable diseases to the community at the national, regional and global level.

I thank you.