

**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER,
ELDERLY AND CHILDREN**



COMMITTEE A

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Agenda 13.5, Polio Eradication

1. **Chairperson**, United Republic of Tanzania aligns its statement with the statement delivered by Nigeria on behalf of the Africa Group on the group items under Agenda item 13.
2. We take note on the progress of the Global Polio Eradication initiatives, including the New Polio End Game Strategy.
3. We want to commend the Leadership of the Regional Director for the African region, which has enabled us to obtain certification of the eradication of wild poliovirus in the WHO African Region in August 2020.
4. **Chairperson**, Tanzania success is attributed by having a high political commitment, strong routine immunization program, surveillance, and good social structure that facilitates community mobilization activities. Moreover, these best practices are also attributed to the partnership between many stakeholders beyond the government.
5. We however take note of the fact that we are yet to be secured and be a polio-free world, and welcome the various initiatives proposed to address the eradication of Polio, including establishment of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Hub in Jordan as well as those aiming to address the Circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses.
6. We welcome the development of the draft Strategy for Control of cVDPV2 2019–2021.
7. Chairperson, the new direction towards expanded partnership and integration is key as countries embark in eradication initiatives. We thus support its inclusion in the new Polio End-Game Strategy 2019-2023. We also welcome the fact that gender aspects will be included in the strategy.
8. **I THANK YOU.**