Statement the Delegation of the Republic Indonesia
on Agenda item 13.2, 13.3, and 13.9
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Thank you, Chair.

Indonesia would like to briefly comment on agenda 13.2, 13.3, and 13.9 and to provide a written statement on each agenda item later on.

Indonesia appreciates the work of the Secretariat for preparing documents under these agenda items.

NCDs continue to be a global health threat that require global multisectoral coordinated efforts, as facilitated by the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism (GCM). Therefore, Indonesia supports the decision on the final evaluation of the GCM to extend the TOR of the GCM to 2030, in line with the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2030.

Indonesia also supports the adoption of Resolution of EB 148 on Oral Health which highlights the importance of prevention measures such as healthy diet practices and routine screening practices, which can prevent and delay the forming of NCDs. These prevention measures have also been proven cost effective for diabetes, vision impairment and blindness.

With regard to blindness, Indonesia agrees that global efforts are needed to address its most common causes. Therefore, we support the adoption of the decision on the recommendations on feasible global targets for effective coverage of refractive error and effective coverage of cataract surgery to be achieved by 2030.

Chair,

The Pandemic shows us that digital information technology and innovation are beneficial for our prevention measures and screening effort.

However, along with prevention measures, we also need to provide support to people-living-with-NCDs to afford their medicines and related medical tools. In this regard, Indonesia has been a long supporter of the effort to increase access to affordable and quality medicines, such as insulin and treatment for rare-cancer patients. We appreciate the global effort in advocating and facilitating price and market transparency and commit to actively contribute to these efforts.

On this note, Indonesia supports and wishes to be added as co-sponsor for the draft resolution on diabetes prevention and management, including access to insulin.

I thank you.

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