Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
on Agenda Item. 17 – Secretariat to provide a technical update and update on the COVID-19 Response
at the 74th World Health Assembly
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Thank you, chair.

The reports before us reflect various initiatives and efforts conducted by the WHO to support the global response to COVID-19 as well as updates on the implementation of Resolution 73.1.

At this juncture, we would like to extend our appreciation to the WHO Secretariat for their dedication and hard work, particularly in equipping member states with appropriate tools for their COVID-19 response.

We attach great importance on the scaling up development, manufacturing and production of COVID-19 tools for improving equitable access to them, such as promoted by the manufacturing taskforce and technology transfer hub. Indonesia stands ready to support and participate such initiative to ensure their success.

Chair,

Indonesia has implemented a comprehensive strategy using an all of government and all of society approach in responding to COVID-19. At the moment, Indonesia has 1.7 million confirmed cases of COVID-19, of which around 93 thousand cases are still active. To combat COVID-19, we have started a vaccination program for 181 million people in the country. We have now managed to give the first dose to around 15 million people, but of course there remains a lot to be done.

The vaccination rollout plan is based on three main principles:

- Mandatory and free of charge for the citizens;
- Prioritization of vulnerable groups;
- Continued implementation of comprehensive post vaccination health protocols.

To increase vaccine acceptance, the government collaborates with mass media, civil society, religious leaders and community. For outreach, the government established mass vaccination site involving thousands of public and private hospitals and primary health care institutions.

Meanwhile, we continue to strengthen our national health system capacities and resilience through conducting the Joint External Evaluation and Intra Action Review, trainings for health and health-related professionals, as well as capacity building for health facility infrastructure, health financing system, and digital health.

At the regional level, as the current Chair of the ASEAN Health Sector, Indonesia continues to promote a collective response of COVID-19 in the region by further strengthening the

diagnostic pillar and health protocol pillar to support pandemic response for cross-border movement and economy recovery.

Therefore, we encourage the WHO Secretariat to share lessons learned and experiences with regional organizations such as ASEAN for the new WHO convention of pandemic preparedness and prevention.

Finally, Indonesia would like to reiterate the need for global collaboration to ensure we all can recover together and recover stronger.

Thank you.

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