Thank you Chair

1. Kenya aligns this statement with that delivered by Ghana on behalf of the African Member States.

2. We thank the Secretariat for developing the Programme Budget 2022-2023 given its importance in supporting of the attainment of WHO’s overall Mission promoting health, keeping the world safe, and serving the vulnerable.

3. We also take note of the four key areas of strategic focus that have shaped the Proposed program budget and signal our support for increased focus to be placed on country offices for building resilience by strengthening primary health care-oriented health systems and provision of essential public health functions for all.

4. Moreover, we agree with the Secretariat’s recommendation to extend the achievement date of the triple billion targets by two years to 2025 considering the disruptions caused by the global, regional and national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Chairperson, Kenya welcomes the establishment of the Sustainable Financing Working Group and takes note of its interim report contained in document WHA 74/6. We share the view of others that, at the moment,
WHO is not adequately enabled to effectively play its role in global health governance.

6. To ensure that Member States priorities remain the guiding light for the Secretariat, there is need for us to have a frank discussion about how the organization is financed. In our view, such a discussion should be comprehensive, balanced and should explore actions for reform under both assessed and voluntary contributions. We take note of the approaches currently being considered by the working group and reiterate the need to ensure that Equity remains an overarching principle for the forthcoming meetings.

7. Turning now to the WHO Results Framework, Kenya recognizes that Reliable data & strong health information systems are crucial for measuring population health outcomes. Indeed, COVID-19 has magnified the acute gap in country data to track health emergencies. We therefore welcome the launch of the SCORE platform of which Kenya has already completed the first global assessment.

8. In conclusion Chairperson, we wish to acknowledge the support received from WHO to integrate ICD-11 into the Kenya Health Information System and capacity strengthening is currently ongoing to scale up implementation by 2022. We urge Member States, WHO and donors to mobilize international and domestic technical and financial resources to support countries in their endeavours to strengthen health information systems.

9. I thank you.