1. Thank you Chair

2. Kenya aligns her statement with that delivered by Togo on behalf of the African Member States and that delivered by South Africa on behalf of the Group of Friends of the Pandemic Treaty.

3. We thank the Co-Chairs and the Members of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response and welcomes their final report entitled *Make This The Last Pandemic*.

4. We also wish to commend and appreciate the Panel for their dedication and commitment and welcome the Panel’s findings and recommendations for action intended to address the current pandemic and to ensure that any future infectious disease outbreak does not become another catastrophic pandemic.

5. In line with the statement delivered on behalf of the Group of Friends of the Pandemic Treaty, we agree with the Panel’s recommendation that the world needs a new international system for pandemic preparedness and response through the adoption of a Pandemic Framework Convention, among other measures.

6. It is in this regard therefore that the Government of Kenya, led by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, has formally endorsed the proposal for the development of an international treaty for pandemic preparedness and response to be negotiated under the auspices of the WHO. We invite other Member States to embrace this noble cause so as to enhance rules-based multilateralism in response to future pandemics.

7. Chair, Kenya takes this opportunity to also thank the IHR Review committee and the IOAC for their reports, which contain important recommendations for Member States, WHO and other stakeholders to reflect and act upon.
8. In the coming months, we as Member States shall review the recommendations from all three panels, and it is of utmost importance that we approach the discussions in the spirit of inclusiveness, solidarity, trust and transparency. Only then, will we be able to make meaningful adjustments towards a safer future.

9. The world must indeed heed the warning, wake up and start planning to end the next pandemic, NOW!

10. I Thank you Chair