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1. Chairperson, The Gouvernement of the United Republic of Tanzania is honoured to align itself with the work of the Secretariat on the proposed programme budget 2022–2023 and brings this agenda forward for discussion.

2. We have taken note of the proposed budget has integrated important areas of the programmatic outcomes of the thirteen Global Program of Work (GPW13). We commend the Secretariat for sharing the lessons learned from its experience in recent health emergencies, as well as the implementation of the programme budget 2020–2021.

3. Chairperson, We applaud the Secretariat for its continued commitment on achieving its overarching mission to promote health; keep the world safe; and serve the vulnerable demonstrated by formulating four key areas of strategic focus that shape the Proposed programme budget 2022–2023. Tanzania has taken note of these four strategic areas.

4. The results framework for the GoT Fifth Health Sector Strategic Plan (2021-2026) aligns to the GPW 13 triple billion targets and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals guided by principles of equity, gender and Health in All Policies to address Social Determinants of Health.

5. Chairperson, We understand that within the resources allocated, it will be possible to implement the resolutions as proposed by the proposed programme budget 2022–2023. The URT is committed to mobilize resource through domestic and external source to ensure sustainable financing for the health sector. We call upon WHO to continue capacitating countries in resource mobilization.

6. Chairperson, We commend the work of WHO in these challenging times. We applaud the examplary leadership demonstrated by the WHO Director General, Dr. Tedros. We recognize his continuous and tireless efforts in supporting Member States in responding to COVID – 19 pandemic.

7. I thank you for your kind attention.