STATEMENT BY THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
SEVENTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ON THE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS
ON THE REVIEW OF AND UPDATE ON MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Agenda Item no. 13.2, 13.3, 13.9

1. Chairperson, The United Republic of Tanzania would like to deliver its statement on agenda item 13.2, 13.3 and 13.9 while aligning itself with the statement made by Botswana on behalf of African Member States.

2. Chairperson, the Government of Tanzania underscores the importance of strengthening the human resource capacities for Non-Communicable Diseases including, Oral health, mental health and eye care. The government also supports affordable innovations for improving access to safe drinking water that contains acceptable levels of microelements.

3. Chairperson, on agenda item 13.3, the United Republic of Tanzania commends the Executive Board for bringing up this agenda and the recommended way forward on Expanding access to effective treatments for cancer and rare and orphan diseases, including medicines, vaccines, medical devices, diagnostics, assistive products, cell- and gene-based therapies and other health technologies; and improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines, and other health products.

4. Chairperson, On agenda item 13.9, we have noted with concerns that cataract surgical coverage is below the recommended level to reach Universal health coverage in most countries. One critical factor is inadequate access to low cost eye supplies. Tanzania is looking forward to the continued collaboration with WHO and other partners supporting Eye Services including manufacturers of low-cost eye supplies. Partnership is key in ensuring increased access to people centred eye services.

5. Chairperson, we urge the WHO secretariat to continue assisting Member States in addressing the growing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases.
6. **Chairperson**, in conclusion, we take note of the reports with their recommendations and endorse the resolution on oral health.

7. I thank you for your kind attention.