

STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 13.8 ON IMMUNISATION AGENDA 2030

Thank you Chairperson, Zambia aligns with the statement made by Bukina Faso on behalf of the Africa Region on this agenda item.

As we note the report, we commend the Secretariat for the progress made in the process of finalizing the operational framework of the Immunisation Agenda 2030.

We applaud the attempts made by the Secretariat to ensure participation of Member States and other stakeholders in these difficult circumstances, which is no doubt key to ensuring ownership of this important agenda.

As a country we believe that the current pandemic, as well as outbreaks such as the ebola and cholera outbreaks, have taught us valuable lessons that should ensure this agenda is supported by all, as it has a critical role to play in the response to public health threats. In this regard, we are particularly happy that research and innovations has been added to the framework and urge secretariat to support member states in its implementation.

I thank you