REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 3.1: PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET 2022-2023 AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

Thank you Chairperson. Zambia aligns the statement to that of Ghana delivered on behalf of the Africa Region, which we fully support. Further, Zambia commends secretariat for the proposed budget and results framework

Chairperson, the questions raised by Ghana in the statement are very pertinent and needs answers. We would welcome an explanation from secretariat on the deviation from the Strategic Budget Space Allocation (SBSA) financing model adopted by the 69th World Health Assembly and, as contained in document A69(47), was meant to be applied for 3 to 4 biennia based on recommendations of the Working Group on SBSA, and adopted by the 147th session of the executive Board in Decision EB137(7). It is our considered view that decisions passed by the Assembly should only be revisited by the Assembly, having considered the progress reports on such decisions.

I thank you