Chair,

Ghana aligns itself with the statement made by Namibia on behalf of all the 47 member states of WHO African Region.

The resolution for the adoption of integrated strategies for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs is a welcome recognition of the inequitable public health response to controlling these infections and ensuring no one is left behind.

Ghana is currently conducting a sero-prevalence study in pregnant women as part of the process of including birth dose hepatitis B vaccine in routine immunization. Ghana has also initiated steps towards a national hepatitis C treatment program.

Ghana’s National HIV & AIDS strategic plan 2021-2025 is also aligned with a vision to accelerate progress to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

Key highlights include Strengthening of laboratory systems and HMIS as well as community involvement via the use of Community scorecards.

Ghana believes the integration of these programs will bring efficiency and cost savings in the dealing with these infections and calls for global action on same.

Ghana calls for a renewed engagement between industry and countries to ensure very affordable commodities, diagnostics and therapeutics to enable rapid scaling up of interventions.

Ghana therefore supports the adoption of the resolution EB150.R3

Thank you