Mr Chairman

Thank you for the opportunity to allow Vanuatu to speak on this agenda, a matter of interest to our people, having experienced the application of traditional medicine in remote communities for centuries before modern medicine.

Mr Chairman

Vanuatu’s constitution dictates that ‘all people have their own fundamental rights and freedoms to choice whatever treatment to have, without any forms of discrimination either by race, ethnicity, religious, beliefs, political affiliation, opinions, language, gender etc....
The Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan, Society Goal 1.2 (SOC 1.2) also emphasize the importance of preserving and enhancing cultural and traditional knowledge, values and practices including traditional medicines, natural remedies and healing practices.

Mr Chairman

In this note, the Vanuatu welcomes the WHO initiative to establish a Research facility in India to progress the resolutions objectives and we also support the implementation of the Regional Framework for Harnessing Traditional and Complementary Medicine to Achieving Health and Well-being in the Western Pacific and we believe that it is timely to proceed in this direction in order to enhance people’s health and well-being and the general objectives of the Universal Health Coverage.

I thank you Mr Chair.

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