



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

77TH WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
National Statements on Agenda 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5

Thank you, Chair,

Kenya aligns this statement with that delivered by Togo on behalf of the 47 Member States of the WHO Africa Region.

On Agenda 11.3 on Infection Prevention and Control, Kenya underscores the pivotal role of infection prevention and control (IPC) in public health. As such, we have instituted a robust infection prevention and control program guided by a national policy framework, including a Healthcare-Associated Infection surveillance plan. Kenya endorses the adoption of this action plan and is keen to align our IPC policies to the global Action plan. Kenya urges the World Health Assembly to mobilize additional resources to advance IPC initiatives to address the historical funding shortages and capacity gaps to realize the objectives of the action plan.

On Agenda 11.4 on Immunization, Kenya remains committed to the Immunization Agenda 2030, having demonstrated resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic by sustaining childhood vaccination rates amidst health systems disruptions. Our immunization program has expanded to include new vaccines like Malaria and Human Papillomavirus, and plans are at an advanced stage to introduce Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine and a Second dose of Inactivated Polio Vaccine to further combat vaccine-preventable diseases. Additionally, service delivery points for immunization progressively increased under our UHC program, significantly raising the number of fully immunized children. With regards to the transition from GAVI support, the Government of Kenya remains committed to progressively increasing its co-financing commitments to achieve self-financing by 2030. Kenya therefore supports the implementation of the Immunization Agenda 2030, more so the strategies targeting zero-dose and under-immunized populations.

Lastly, On Agenda 11.5 on Tuberculosis, Kenya endorses the global drive to end TB by 2030. The recently launched national TB strategic plan and the multi-sectorial accountability framework for TB response and control are aligned to the global End TB Strategy. Of note, we have adopted the latest TB prevention strategies, diagnostic technologies, newer molecules and shorter-term treatment regimens for drug-resistant TB, and Childhood TB. Kenya urges this Assembly to mobilize additional resources, including technical support, as well as investments in research and innovation for TB.

I thank you