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TANZANIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

12.Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030

Thank you Chair person,

The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) aligns with the statement presented by Namibia on behalf of the African group. We also note **the DG's report on the agenda item.**

Chair it is unfortunate that the world has seen an increase in almost 7% of Malaria cases and 5.5% malaria deaths and more that 90% of these cases and deaths occurring in the African Region. Tanzania like other African Countries is not spared from this truth. However, 41% of the population now resides in areas of very low malaria transmission risk. This achievement results from concerted implementation of stratified interventions at subnational level. Additionally, Zanzibar has consistently reported low malaria cases, with a prevalence of less than 1% for over a decade.

Chair person, Elimination of Malaria is possible if there strong commitment with adequate funding especially where it matters. DG's report rightly points out the need for more efforts to combat malaria in the African region where Children and Pregnant women are dying of the disease which is curable and/or Preventable. This is unacceptable and we all need to refocus our attention.

Chair, To address Malaria we need to address factors affecting climate change, Artemisinin partial resistance as well as widespread resistance to pyrethroids. Surveillance and advocacy to mention but a few. We call on WHO to allocate more resources in strengthening laboratory capacity for surveillance of Drug resistance and new strains of mosquitoes including Anopheles Stephensi.

Chairperson, Tanzania commits to continue the fight against Malaria through effective partnerships as well as Governance and Accountability.

I thank you.c