

The United Republic of Tanzania



Agenda Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General Agenda Item 3 [Document A77/4]

1. Thank you Chair; The United Republic of Tanzania aligns with the statement made by Botswana on behalf of the 47 African Member State. We would like to congratulate you, Director General for the exemplary leadership especially at this time when we have multiple Global challenges, geopolitical tension, humanitarian crisis increasing effects of climate changes which pose challenges to public health and wellbeing as a result of increased number of health emergencies while at the same time, we are facing threats of many countries to be off track to achieve sustainable development goals.

2. We appreciate and support conceiving health and climate change within the mandate of WHO while considering the work of other UN agencies. The United Republic of Tanzania is amongst the countries currently experiencing rising health challenges due to extreme climate events such as droughts and flooding. This is why the URT is co-sponsoring three important resolutions in this meeting: a resolution on natural disaster, on climate on health and on accelerating implementation of SDG 3.1. We advocate for strengthening the capacity of Member state in mitigating health impacts of climate change.

3. Chairperson, we congratulate you, Dr. Tedros for leading the process of amendment of IHR and drafting the Pandemic agreements with dignity and solidarity and in a participatory manner by all Member States. This is one of the agreements at multilateral settings that has been negotiated for a longer time given the situation of the impending pandemics and so the urgency for preparedness, therefore URT urges Member States to work constructively together for the common good.

Chairperson, we take note of the report

Thank you.