

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO INTERVENTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 11.4

Thank you, Chair. In recognition of the critical importance of immunisation for the protection of public health and the achievement of the SDGs, Trinidad and Tobago fully endorses the Immunization Agenda 2030. We affirm our commitment with respect to implementation strategies, with a view to ensuring equitable access to vaccines, as well as improved vaccination coverage across all segments of the population.

We have duly considered the Short-Term Priority Areas and identified a number of planned actions, in keeping with our particular reality and needs in Trinidad and Tobago. On strengthening routine immunisation, our focus will be on strengthening routine immunisation programmes to improve access to essential vaccines. On expanded access to underutilised vaccines, emphasis will be placed on diseases disproportionately affecting marginalised communities. We will seek to address vaccine hesitancy through education campaigns, community engagement initiatives and partnerships with healthcare providers and community leaders. In addition, Trinidad and Tobago will seek to ensure sustainable funding for vaccination programmes, including by exploring innovative financing models and leveraging partnerships with international organisations and donors. Finally, in welcoming the focus on strengthening vaccine supply chains, Trinidad and Tobago intends to invest in infrastructure and logistics to improve vaccine distribution systems, including to remote areas.

In closing, Chair, Trinidad and Tobago reaffirms its commitment to achieving the goals outlined in the IA2030 and calls upon national and international stakeholders to support efforts to implement the shared action agenda. We commit to regularly review progress, adapt strategies as needed and collaborate with partners to maximise the impact of immunisation on public health outcomes.

Thank you, Chair.