



Statement by the Republic of Zambia on Agenda Item 11.2

The Chairperson, I am grateful for this opportunity to make a statement on the progress made in response to the "Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases of 2018."

Zambia, like many low and middle-income countries, has experienced a significant shift from a high burden of infectious diseases to a rising number of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Despite our commitment to addressing this challenge during the implementation period of the National Health Strategic Plan (2017-2021), the number of NCD cases has continued to rise. According to the 2016 country's NCD profile, NCDs were responsible for 29% of all deaths, while in 2019, this figure rose to 35%. **The challenges we continue to face include: Insufficient awareness activities; Inadequate training for health workers; Insufficient medical equipment and reagents; Inconsistent supply of drugs**

The Chairperson,

Despite these hurdles, which are not unique to Zambia, the Government of the Republic of Zambia remains committed to making progress towards meeting the nine global NCD targets and Sustainable Development Goal 3.4, which aims to reduce premature deaths from NCDs by one-third. We therefore support the decision contained in the document EB154(7)