



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
78TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
TANZANIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

13.2. Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Thank you Chair; The United Republic of Tanzania aligns with the statement delivered by South Africa on behalf of the 47 African member states. .

Chairperson, we commend the **Bureau and the** INB secretariat for the comprehensive report on the progress of drafting a WHO convention, agreement, and other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, we welcome the submission of this outcome to the 78 World Health Assembly.

Chairperson, Tanzania actively participated in all INB sessions and engaged in discussions alongside African Member State. We contributed to key areas such as research and development, local production, technology transfer, pathogen access and benefit -sharing, supply chains, and sustainable financing. We thank the Secretariat for reflecting Member States' input in the draft.

We recommend ensuring consistency in terminology, harmonization across all six WHO languages, and legal soundness of the text through expert consultations.

Tanzania supports the submission of the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement and reaffirms its commitment to a fair, inclusive, and effective global health instrument. **I thank you**