



STATEMENT

FOR

HON. DR. D MOMBESHORA

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND CHILD CARE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

ON AGENDA ITEM 16.2

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING BODY TO DRAFT AND
NEGOTIATE A WHO
CONVENTION, AGREEMENT OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL
INSTRUMENT ON PANDEMIC PREVENTION,
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

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19 MAY 2025

President of the 78th World Health Assembly;

- Zimbabwe aligns itself with the statement delivered by South Africa on behalf of the Member States of the African Region and has participated in the negotiations for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response which is a legally binding international instrument aimed at strengthening global health security.
- Zimbabwe`s involvement in the negotiations reflects its commitment to enhancing its health systems and contribution to regional and global security. The country previously engaged in regional initiatives, such as the signing of the Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Humanitarian Operations Centre in 2023.
- The Pandemic Agreement represents a pivotal opportunity to strengthen our health systems, ensure equitable access to vaccines, health resources, technologies and treatments and foster collaborative partnerships among African nations. We are committed to advocating for policies that prioritize the health and wellbeing of our citizens and promote collaboration in our efforts to fight future pandemics.
- Zimbabwe supports the adoption of the Pandemic Agree

I thank you.