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TANZANIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

14.1: WHO's work in health emergencies and 14.3 Poliomyelitis

Chairperson, The United Republic of Tanzania commends the World Health Organization for its continued leadership in advancing global preparedness and response to health emergencies as outlined in the Director General's report and align with the statement delivered by Lesotho.

The growing frequency and complexity of health emergencies, driven by disease outbreaks, climate change and humanitarian crises, require sustained and strategic investment in resilient health systems. Tanzania emphasizes a balanced approach that integrates immediate response with long-term system strengthening including more investments in surveillance, laboratory capacity, workforce development and One Health approaches. Strengthening local manufacturing and supply chains for medical countermeasures remains critical for equitable and timely access during emergencies.

We further underscore that climate crisis is an immediate and escalating reality and Tanzania also faces increasing risks from climate-related events, including flooding and associated disease outbreaks. We therefore emphasize the importance of robust, country-led risk profiling across all Member States, encompassing both infectious and climate-related hazards to enable a shift from reactive to predictive and proactive preparedness and guiding anticipatory investments.

Chairperson, Oral polio Vaccine remains the cornerstone of global polio eradication efforts. This includes the use of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 alongside the inactivated poliovirus vaccine and newer solutions like the hexavalent vaccine. In May, 2025, Tanzania introduced a second dose of IPV into the routine immunization schedule, to be administered at 9 months of age, alongside the first dose of Measles Rubella vaccine.

Chairperson, Tanzania recognizes the critical importance of sustaining the progress made in polio eradication efforts, both within the country and as part of the global initiative. The nation will continue to work closely with neighbouring countries to implement strategies aimed at boosting immunity. **I thank you**