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Thank you chair; The United Republic of Tanzania takes note of the report on agenda Item no.14.3. Tanzania has successfully interrupted the transmission of the wild poliovirus and was officially certified as polio-free in November, 2015.

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. Tanzania has 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.

The essential functions related to polio are being integrated into the national health systems wherever possible. In response to decreasing funding for the transportation of samples from sub-national areas, Tanzania has incorporated AFP sample shipping into the National Sample Referral System.

Tanzania recognizes the critical importance of sustaining the progress made in polio eradication efforts, both within the country and as part of the global initiatives. We commit ourselves to strengthen cross boarder collaboration in implementing strategies aimed at boosting immunity and ensuring the continued interruption of poliovirus transmission in the region.

I Thank you