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TANZANIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

3. Report by the Director General

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The United Republic of Tanzania aligns with the statement delivered by Mali on behalf of the African Region Member States.

We commend Director-General Dr. Tedros and the WHO Secretariat for their strong leadership and steadfast commitment in guiding the Organization through multiple global crises while sustaining WHO's core mandate and technical support to Member States. Tanzania supports the on-going global health architecture reforms agenda and underscores that such reforms should safeguard WHO's core mandates as the leading global health technical organization, particularly in norm-setting, standards development, and coordination of global public health action.

The recent outbreaks, including the Hunter virus, have underscored the urgent need to finalize the unfinished work on the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) Annex to enable the ratification and entry into force of the WHO Pandemic Agreement. This is a critical moment that calls for greater solidarity, equity, and collective responsibility among Member States to strengthen global pandemic preparedness and response.

We appreciate WHO's continued support in strengthening health systems, responding to outbreaks, and advancing maternal and child health. Under the leadership of Her Excellency President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Tanzania has made important progress in reducing maternal mortality and improving child health outcomes. Through the initiative "Jiongeze Tuwavushe Salama" — meaning "Go the extra mile, help them make it

safely” — Tanzania continues to accelerate efforts toward ending preventable maternal and child deaths as part of our commitment to achieving the SDGs by 2030.

Tanzania reaffirms its commitment to working with WHO and all Member States to advance global health and well being for all.

Thank you,