Chair,

Indonesia would like to thank the Secretariat for the World Health Days report provided under the agenda sub-item 19.2 – WHO Reform.

Indonesia also welcomes the request of United Arab Emirates to recognize 30 of January as a day dedicated to Neglected Tropical Diseases.

We can use the Day as an opportunity to call upon all stakeholders to strengthen capacity in an efficient and sustainable manner, such as promoting multi-sectoral collaboration through social media engagement to increase the awareness of the roles of non-health sectors on the related issue.

We need to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the world health day in achieving its purpose.

We also need to ensure that the commemoration of the NTD Day devoted to specific health issue could contribute in promoting the Member states’ technical and political efforts to achieve the goals reflected in the commemoration.

A proper guidance or comprehensive mechanism regarding the proposal of new world health days is required, including the procedures and criteria of the proposed day and review mechanism of the current list of existing world health days.

At a more advanced stage, the world health days could be connected to the implementation of WHO’s General Programme of Work that allows Member States and the Organization to prioritize topics, identify goals, as well as determine the appropriate level of effort in terms of advocacy and communications.

Lastly, as part of our commitment to promote NTDs eradication as one of our health priorities, Indonesia would like to be added as a co-sponsor of the proposed draft Decision of the World NTD Day.

Thank you Chair.