Thank you Chair

1. Kenya aligns her statement with that made by Botswana on behalf of the African Member States.

2. Kenya takes note of the report presented by the Director General to the Executive Board, and appreciates WHO’s continuing work on the response to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) since the onset of the pandemic.

3. We also appreciate WHO’s operational and technical support provided to countries in the pandemic response activities, including building laboratory capacity, epidemiology, infection prevention and control, case management and data management.

4. We acknowledge WHO’s coordination role in strengthening the global COVID-19 supply chain system to scale up the procurement and delivery of personal protective equipment, diagnostic products, and clinical care equipment to low- and middle-income countries, such as Kenya.

5. Kenya reported her first case on 13th March 2020. To date, Kenya has reported over 98,000 confirmed cases and over 1,700 deaths of COVID-19 in the country (reporting a case fatality of 1.7%).

6. To curb the spread of the virus, Kenya continues to maintain heightened surveillance at all points of entry, increase diagnostic capacity, dusk to dawn curfew, mandatory
screening for travellers, as well as continued implementation of public health measures on Social Distancing, hand hygiene, and mandatory use of Face Masks in public places.

7. To ensure continued delivery of essential health services in the context of COVID-19, Kenya, with support from WHO technical support, Kenya has launched 85 protocols and guidelines, to guide health care workers on service delivery amid the Covid-19 pandemic, and ensure continued service delivery.

8. On Covid-19 vaccine preparedness, Kenya seeks to progressively vaccinate its entire population in phases against COVID-19 Disease, starting with at least 20 million individuals (40% of the populations) over the next two years. The first phase will target to vaccinate 1.25 million frontline health workers and those individuals offering essential services, by June 2021.

9. A Ministerial Advisory Committee on Covid-19 vaccine has been established to oversee the implementation of the country’s vaccine roll-out strategy so as to ensure equitable access and that most at risk and vulnerable populations are covered.

10. Finally, Chair, we call upon the global community to work together towards controlling the Covid-19 epidemiological situation, and look forward to the gradual resumption of normal social and economic activities in the foreseeable future.

11. I thank you