Agenda Item 6.d: Assistance, Response and Preparedness

Thank you, Mr. Chair for giving me the floor.

1. Kenya aligns itself with the statement delivered by Azerbaijan on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

2. The delegation of Kenya thanks Amb. Elena Kuzmanovska for the report presented and commends her efforts as MX 4 Chair.

Mr. Chair,

3. Under the agenda item on Assistance, Response and Preparedness, the Governments of France, India, the UK and the USA, donated buffer stocks of personal protective equipment and other medical supplies as well as vaccines to fight COVID-19. Enhancement of capacity building of the front-line workers including health workers, ports and points of entry officers was jointly done by Ministry of Health, the security agents and the Government Chemist with assistance from the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT).

4. Further, the Government of United States of America and the EU Commission have assisted Kenya in capacity building at different levels. USA facilitated the development of Kenya Laboratory Biorisk Management Curriculum 2nd edition by the Ministry of Health in
addition to capacity building of medical personnel, researchers and students on biosafety and biosecurity.

5. The USA also supported the Building Laboratory Diagnostic Capacity for Zoonotic Disease Risk Mitigation in Underserved Arid and Semi-Arid Areas of Kenya.

6. The BWC Implementation Support Unit with the support of EU assisted Kenya in building capacity of contact points from the relevant institutions to facilitate information sharing for confidence building measures.

I thank you for your attention.