Note 086.17

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva and Vienna, presents its compliments to the Regional Coordinators for Health (Angola, Brazil, Morocco, Norway, Thailand and Japan) and has the honour to inform the later of the introduction of a decision point under WHA70 agenda 16.1 (Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) in support of the progress report 17.K [Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of Universal Health Coverage -resolution WHA68.15 (2015)] by the Republic of Zambia to read as follow:

The Seventieth World Health Assembly, having considered the progress report of the Secretariat on Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of Universal Health Coverage, decided:

(1) to welcome the progress made in implementation of resolution WHA68.15 (2015);
(2) to request the Director-General to review and report, every third year after 2017 to the World Health Assembly, on the global progress of implementation of resolution WHA68.15 until 2030.

The rationale being that resolution WHA68.15 only requested for one progress report which comes up now in 2017, and yet Emergency and Essential Surgery and Anaesthesia care were endorsed by the 194 Member States as a component of UHC which is target 3.8 of the SDGs. Thus, Emergency and Essential Surgery and Anaesthesia care must be regularly tracked and reported on under UHC up to the end of the SDG era.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva and Vienna, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Regional Coordinators for Health (Angola, Brazil, Morocco, Norway, Thailand and Japan), the assurances of our highest consideration.

18th April, 2017

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