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Written Statement to the WHO World TB Day 2025

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Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all.

Today is the 30th World TB Day. It is of great significance that the World Health Organization (WHO) is hosting this virtual Talk Show, to encourage discussions on “Commit, Invest, Deliver,” rally the strength of all parties to tackle the public health challenge of TB, and make solid strides toward the goal of ending the epidemic.

TB is a serious infectious disease that poses a grave threat to human health. With the powerful drive of the WHO and sustained efforts of the international community, notable progress has been achieved in the global fight against TB. Seventy-nine million lives have been saved since 2000. This is a truly remarkable achievement! As WHO Goodwill Ambassador for TB and HIV/AIDS, I would like to pay high tribute to all those around the world and from different sectors who have been committed to fighting the TB epidemic.

Having dedicated over 10 years to this worthy cause, I have visited many

medical facilities, schools and communities both at home and abroad, and together with all of you, witnessed the encouraging progress in TB response in different parts of the world, especially in China. The Chinese government places great emphasis on TB prevention and treatment. TB response has been included in the Healthy China strategy, and a national plan was formulated to guide efforts. Continuous and vigorous improvements have been made to refine measures and enhance the overall capacity to combat the disease. At the same time, China has been committed to facilitating the rapid development of TB control technologies, and made our "patient-centered support and care" more scientific and feasible. Thanks to the tireless work of all those working on TB prevention and treatment, the cure rate of the disease in China has been kept above 90 percent.

We the Chinese believe that true compassion knows no borders, and the path to a greater good knows no limits. In China, over a million volunteers are actively involved in promoting TB awareness. They come from all walks of life—college students, community volunteers, middle school doctors, and even recovered patients themselves. Like dandelion seeds in spring, they reach far and wide, taking root in every corner of the land. With hard work and sincere commitment, they help more people understand this disease, and let those affected know that they are loved and cared for. It is precisely this society-wide participation and the very spirit of volunteerism that have brought confidence and hope to TB patients in China.

Removing the threat of TB is our shared aspiration. But the fight remains

difficult and challenging, and the goal to end TB epidemic is still an arduous task. It requires the international community to come together to commit more, invest more and deliver more. I will continue to work with all of you to advance TB prevention and treatment, to safeguard people's health with love, and to share warmth and kindness with unwavering dedication. Let's all contribute to building a global community of health for all.

I wish this session a full success.

Thank you.