Statement by the NGO Delegation on agenda item 4.2 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF) 2022-2026 Financial Reporting

Thank you Chair, I speak on behalf of the NGO delegation.

When I read the financial report, I ask myself what do those numbers represent? Because I see more than just numbers but also think of some of the important investments made by UNAIDS for example, the one that we saw during the 55th PCB in Nairobi is actually at the stake of losing.

Do you remember our colleagues who work at Health Option for Young Men on HIV/STIs (HOYMAS)? Or our colleagues who work at MAONO Africa Centre for Transformation? We went for the site visitation, and, seeing exactly what these investments made possible.

This report should not only tell us what was spent. But it should help us understand what was made possible and what we stand to lose if we do not invest wisely.

We appreciate the transparency the financial report brings. But we need more than an audit. We need an explanation. We need to understand how these resources are driving impact and how each co-sponsor is contributing to the Joint Programme in a way that makes a real difference. It is not enough to know what went where. We need to know who is responsible, what the plan is, and how it all comes together to move us closer to our shared goals.

At the same time, we are seeing a crisis unfold. In many countries, domestic resources for HIV are shrinking. We have heard from communities that their programmes are being stopped, their staff got laid off, and their work gets pushed to the edge.

Sustainability cannot just be a word we put in documents. If we are serious about it, then we need to think ahead, protect what works, and give communities the tools they need to survive and thrive.

Communities have not stepped back. We are still here. We are still doing the work, still reaching the people no one else reaches. But we cannot do this on visibility alone. We need to be supported. We need to be trusted. And we need to be included in the plans, in the decisions, and in the funding. Let me be clear, we are not a safety net. We are part of the foundation.

This is the moment that we go beyond balancing the books. It is about whether the response remains rooted in people. Whether it stays true to the principles of equity, dignity, and shared responsibility that brought us here today.

Thank you.