STATEMENT MADE BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ZIMBABWE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, MR. ALBERT. R, CHIMBINDI, DURING THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 2022 BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, MR. ANTONIO GUTERRES, IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE: 13 OCTOBER, 2021

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor and congratulations for your election as Chair of the Fifth Committee. Allow me Chair to recognize and appreciate the presence of the UN Secretary The global Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked social and economic havoc in all developing countries where recent achievements have been wiped out or even reversed. During UNGA76, leaders from the developing South, legitimately, bemoaned the existing disparities and inequities over access to and distribution of the life-saving vaccines. T

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