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Speech by Her Worship Cllr Zandile Gumede Mayor of eThekweni Municipality at the second AFREhealth Symposium, civic reception at uShaka Marine World on Monday, 6 August 2018.

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Leadership of all your partners from the;

- African Union
- ICAP Columbia University
- Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA)
- United Nations
- Consortium of Universities for Global Health
- West African Health Organisation
- World Health Organization
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening

On behalf of the people of our city I wish to formally welcome you all to Durban. You arrive in our city at the beginning of women's month – a time when we remember and celebrate the contributions that women have made and continue to make to our liberation, democracy and development. Please join me in celebrating and appreciating the women in our society.

Your interdisciplinary health professional forum seeks to improve health care in Africa through research, education and capacity building. It is hoped that the symposium will provide African leadership for responsive health professions education training, research and service in order to contribute to addressing key health priorities including HIV & AIDS, TB, HIV, Malaria, Maternal and

Child health, Non-communicable diseases and emerging and repeat epidemics and pandemics.

All these are great challenges facing our continent and the rest of the world. I am pleased that our local university of Kwazulu-Natal is a key partner in this symposium. It is hoped that our local health care professionals and all delegates will obtain useful ideas and strategies to ensure a quality healthy future for all our people.

I am inspired by your theme for the 2018 symposium: *Towards Achieving Universal Health Coverage in Africa – Creating Synergies and Capacity through Education, Research and Quality Health Services*

Our continent is in need of quality health care, healing, peace, a cessation of hostilities and a commitment to working together for sustainable development and universal health coverage.

I am sure that your deliberations will lead and contribute to the important theme you have chosen.

I am sure that your Sub-themes of;

- 1) Training the Health Professions for Universal Health Coverage
- 2) Building Research Capacity in Africa
- 3) Achieving the SDGs and the 90-90-90 targets for HIV/AIDS
- 4) Financing health care in Africa
- 5) North-South & South-South partnerships for health system development.

Will go a long way in contributing to improved health care services on our wonderful continent. Collaboration and working together at all levels of the health care service chain will make a positive impact on the health of our people.

All the individuals, institutions, associations and networks from all the geographic and linguistic regions of Africa meeting in the symposium will impact positively on the health care profession on our continent.

Language and culture should never be a hindrance to working together. All the African and external stakeholders participating in the symposium are committed to an Africa with strong, self-sustaining and robust health systems. All the senior academics, researchers, senior university management from the various health institutions in Africa, and senior managers will engage and share knowledge at the symposium for a stronger continent.

In conclusion, I wish you all a successful and inspiring symposium. It is hoped that you will also take time out from the symposium to enjoy the great tastes, sites and sounds of Durban.

I thank you.