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Item 9: Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

We appreciate the Secretariat for the draft strategy.

Recent outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, monkeypox, Ebola virus etc. manifest the vulnerability of global community to infection. The height and severity of infection necessitate the spirit of solidarity and inclusivity to forge broader and deeper cooperation among the Member States.

We would suggest the following guidance for the Secretariat to respond to diverse national circumstances:

First, to promote active discussion among the Member States involving concerned UN bodies and other entities for technology transfer to developing countries for rapid detection, assessment and response to the infections;

Second, to develop in consultation with developing country Member States, pathways for ensuring equitable access to infection prevention and control tools such as diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines, and other technologies needed for rapid detection, assessment and response to infection; and

Third, encourage mutual support, assistance and cooperation among the Member States on research and development, and strengthening core capacities of the health systems.

I thank you.
