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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India**

**Agenda 9: Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control**

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**Thank you Chair!**

India takes note of the report and welcomes the Global strategy on infection prevention and control (IPC).

The report has indicated objectives, strategic direction, and monitoring methods of the strategy. Though broad areas are covered in the draft global IPC strategy, India would like to highlight few important points for necessary action:

1. India already has inbuilt IPC component in various Health Programmes like TB programme, maternal and child health programme (The LaQshya programme), Swachh Bharat Mission (The Kayakalp programme), National Action Plan on AMR etc
2. **Community acquired and healthcare associated infection** requires special emphasis. It is also submitted to the EB that technical assistance through

agencies like WHO etc. should be provided to member states for implementation at country level.

3. **The draft strategy highlights the importance of IPC in** healthcare facilities.
4. Role of vaccination is very important. It is necessary to provide support in this direction also.
5. The objective of **increased investment for sustainable implementation** of infection prevention and control strategy is critical to achieve country specific targets. WHO should engage to provide guidance and support to Member States to ensure investments at international and national levels, especially in resource constrained settings.
6. **EB decision should also facilitate WHO to work on mapping the resources at Global level** and connect with the areas and countries requiring immediate support.
7. **Data collection for surveillance of healthcare associated infections is crucial for better decisions** and policy making – as highlighted during the consultation process by Member States.
8. **WHO may provide technical support to develop a digital platform** for monitoring healthcare associated infections, which should be open source and available to all member states for their use. Single platform will be crucial to take policy decisions globally also.

**Chair,**

India would like to suggest that the final global IPC strategy should be adapted for implementation at the national level in close synergy and collaboration with national authorities and health partners.

India would like to recommend engaging Member States at while developing the global action plan on IPC to be launched during the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in May 2024.

**Thank you!**