



9. Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control

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Ladies and gentlemen

The importance of effective Infection Prevention and Control was highlighted by many member states in previous forums including the WHA, EB meetings, AMR conferences, and discussions on patient safety and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene). Among the many opportunities COVID-19 had exposed in the past 3 years, prevention and control stand as an urgent and priority matter for the safety of health care professionals and future emergency preparedness and response to infectious diseases hazards.

The Sultanate of Oman had been continuously advocating for utilizing the momentum provided by the pandemic to improve infection prevention and control governance frameworks.

As a major step forward a global IPC strategy was endorsed in the last WHA75 and we are pleased to see now the 1st draft of this strategy. This will pave the way for decisive and visible political commitment and strengthen efforts towards infection prevention and control at country, regional and global levels.

The Vision stated in the document is aspirational and ambitious. The strategy lists a wide range of targeted audience and key players for adoption and implementation of the accompanying objectives. Furthermore, for the first time, the strategy provides Member States with strategic directions to achieve measurable improvements and to substantially reduce the ongoing risk of Hospital Acquired Infections (including those that exhibit antimicrobial resistance) and limit infectious disease outbreaks by 2030. As the next step; the operational plan will be expected to state realistic and measurable outcomes for follow-up

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and monitoring including training of all health care workers in basic infection prevention practices so that prevention becomes every one concern.

I would like to thank the WHO and many individuals and organizations who contributed to the development of this first document for the global strategy and we will continue in Sultanate of Oman to support the strategy and its implementation at national, regional and global levels.

Thanks Mr./Mrs. Chair