

[Item 9. Draft global strategy on Infection Prevention and Control] by Republic of Korea

Thank you, Madam Chair,

The Republic of Korea affirms that infection prevention and control programmes are in place in all countries at all levels of health systems, including primary and long-term care to reduce the burden of HAI(healthcare-associated infections) and AMR.

We highlight strategic directions in the draft global strategy on infection.

First, identifying national priority infections should be undertaken by priority. We stress that a surveillance system for healthcare-associated infections needs to be carried out under the national strategy.

Second, it is necessary to build a strategy to ensure a safe environment in healthcare facilities to reduce hospital-acquired infection risks in delivering health services.

Lastly, we acknowledge the areas to be established and monitored regularly. These are enhancing national management of medical facilities and their environments; strengthening capacity for infection control in vulnerable facilities and blind spots; improving infection control evaluation and support; and revamping healthcare-associated infection response systems.

We will continue to work with WHO and member states to build a system of infection control as the national strategy.

Thank you.