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13.6 Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030 + 13.7 the standardization of medical devices nomenclature

Thank you chair,

I would first like to address item 13.6: the Director General's report on the Global Roadmap on Defeating Meningitis. With an aim to expand on the proposed activities for meningitis prevention and control, I would encourage the utilization of epidemiological surveillance systems implemented or improved in the COVID-19 pandemic to track meningitis. This could enable better rapid response and prevent further infections.

Further, **while this may be a radical idea**, in addition to ensuring an emergency vaccine stockpile, we should consider taking steps to secure a sufficient supply of affordable multivalent conjugate meningococcal vaccines. Their inclusion could be permitted in standard vaccine schedules for children in high-risk areas such as the African meningitis belt. These should include vaccines active against serotype B.

With regards to rapid diagnostic tests, further development should be encourage especially for use in resource-limited settings. Existing cultures and PCR which are useful but expensive.

Turning to item 13.7 – the standardization of medical devices nomenclature – we support WHO efforts to facilitate member states' accessibility to updated and standardized nomenclature. This is important for ensuring patient safety, securing access to medical devices, and increasing the quality of healthcare in all member states.

The standardization of such complex datasets while preserving their reliability, integrity and comprehensiveness is a great challenge.

As such ,we appreciate WHO's emphasis on transparency and multiple stakeholder engagement throughout this process. We encourage the continued incorporation and response to stakeholder feedback during this long process.

Thank you