Canada supports the new version of the draft roadmap on access to medicines, vaccines and health products.

We particularly welcome the focus on collaboration between the WHO, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the World Trade Organization, and are supportive of coordination between the three organizations in engaging on issues related to intellectual property (IP), trade, access to medicines, and public health.

We are of the view that leveraging a strong collaboration with WIPO and WTO is important for ensuring that the relevant, IP-related technical expertise of these organizations informs the WHO’s work on access to medicines and vaccines, and avoids a duplication of work between all three organizations.

Canada notes that the proposed programming represents a significant undertaking by the WHO and we would welcome greater clarity on WHO’s funding plans.

We look forward to participating in any forthcoming Member State consultations on the roadmap.

Thank you.