



WHO Executive Board 2023
Statement by the State of Israel

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Item 9 - Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control

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Israel Ministry of Health is pleased to have received the Executive summary of the Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control. We fully agree with the content of the document and lend it our enthusiastic endorsement.

Having said that, there are a number of elements missing from the document that we would suggest adding, in the following domains:

Firstly, career pathways and job opportunities for IPC professionals: we strongly recommend the establishment of formal, standardized training and recognized national certification of IPC personnel in all sectors.

Secondly, data for action: we recommend adding antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance to the list of data for action to be systematically collected;

Finally, active infection prevention and control programs: we recommend the inclusion of a trained, certified and recognized IPC leader at the managerial level of healthcare institutions, regional public health authorities and national ministries of health, and international public health bodies.

Israel, with a robust IPC unit operating at the national level, looks forward to continued participation in and support of WHO IPC activities in advisory and collaborative capacities.