

**[Item 10. Global roadmap on defeating Meningitis by 2030]** by Republic of Korea

Thank you Madam Chair,

The Republic of Korea highly appreciates WHO's ongoing efforts to provide solutions to improving meningitis prevention and control through various approaches.

Meningitis is continuously occurring not only in developing countries but also in advanced countries. Thus, it is necessary to develop plans on meningitis prevention and treatment tailored to countries' conditions. In addition, there is a need to conduct research and development for meningitis to improve existing interventions, diagnosis, and treatment, and to raise meningitis-related issues as part of WHO's agenda. Therefore, we highly appreciate the inclusion of the above-mentioned factors into the global roadmap.

It is promising progress that multivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccines will be available imminently for use in the emergency meningitis vaccine stockpile. As included in the key activities of the global roadmap, the Republic of Korea would like to support the efforts to establish an effective plan to improve the use of the emergency meningitis vaccine stockpile. We would also like to kindly request that the Secretariat regularly share the history of the use of the vaccine stockpile with Member States.

Not only components of the global roadmap, but also progress in implementing the road map in each region should be assessed and supervised. In that regard, the Republic of Korea supports the decision of submitting the report on progress in implementing resolution WHA73.9 (2020) on 'the global roadmap on defeating meningitis by 2030' to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in 2025, through the Executive Board at its 156th session.

Taking the opportunity, the Republic of Korea would like to express our gratitude to the WHO Secretariat for reporting progress in implementing the resolution on the Global Road map on Defeating Meningitis. We are looking forward to the roadmap being effectively implemented.

Thank you.

[Written submission]

Since 2017, the Republic of Korea has reported a relatively low incidence rate of meningitis with below 20 cases reported. During the COVID-19 pandemic, fewer than 5 cases are being reported. We have carried out surveillance of potential patients with meningitis on a real-time basis. We prepare response plans every year, including those for reporting and testing criteria review, analysis of predominant serotypes and regional responses to massive outbreaks and potential patients.