

Statement of the Republic of Moldova

Item 10. Global Roadmap on defeating meningitis.

Madam President,

Dear Colleagues,

We fully support the comprehensive programme and the implementation of the Global roadmap on defeating meningitis, while raising the profile of meningitis on the global health agenda.

In this respect we request the support of the The working group on meningococcal vaccines and vaccination of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization in order to introduce compulsory vaccination against meningitis in the National Immunization Programme in Republic of Moldova. Previous experts conclusions were that Republic of Moldova is not part of the high risk category, although surrounding countries do have mandatory vaccination against this disease.

We additionally request WHO assistance in strengthening diagnostic and treatment capacities at all national levels – primary health care, specialized hospitals, laboratories.

Thank you.