

Member States informal consultation

On the draft updated Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance EB158(18)

16 March 2026



Agenda

Agenda item	Speakers
• Opening remarks	Yukiko Nakatani (Assistant Director-General, Health Systems, Access and Data Division)
• Proposed revisions to the draft updated Global Action Plan on AMR following the outcome of the 158th Executive Board discussion	Kefas Samson (Senior technical officer, Lead of multisectoral coordination, AMR Department), Sarah Paulin-Deschenaux (Technical officer, Governance, Coordination and Monitoring, AMR Department)
• Open floor for Member States interventions	Moderated by Jean Pierre Nyemazi (Unit Head, Governance, Coordination)
• Next steps and closing	Yvan Hutin (Director, AMR, Health Systems, Access and Data Division)



1. Global Action Plan on AMR Update

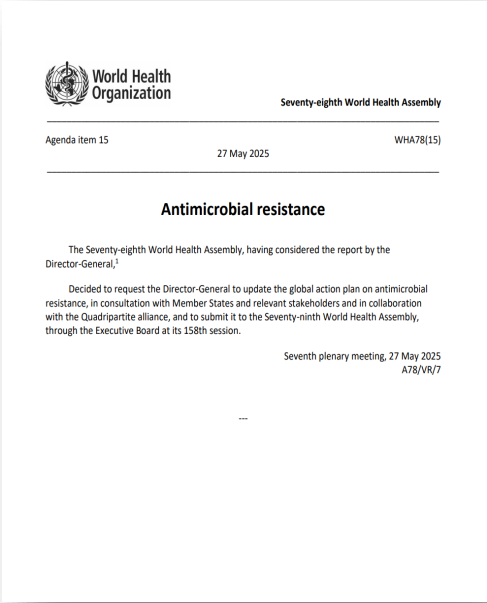
The Mandate: WHA78(15)

“The Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,

Decided to request the Director-General to update the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance, in consultation with Member States and relevant stakeholders and in collaboration with the Quadripartite alliance, and to submit it to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 158th session”.



25. Request the Quadripartite organizations, in consultation with Member States, to update the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance by 2026 to ensure a robust and inclusive multisectoral response, through a One Health approach, that aligns with current realities to drive greater impact against antimicrobial resistance, and request the Quadripartite to report biennially on progress made towards their specific and joint commitments;



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GAP-AMR Update – process to develop draft for EB158, for proposed adoption by WHA79

Draft 0
For stakeholder's
consultation



Jul-Aug 2025



Updated with
stakeholder inputs

Draft 1
For Regional
Member States
consultation



Aug-Sep 2025



Updated with
Regional Member
States consultation
feedback

Draft 2
For Global Member
States consultation



27 Oct 2025



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3 Nov 2025



Update with
Member State's
consultation
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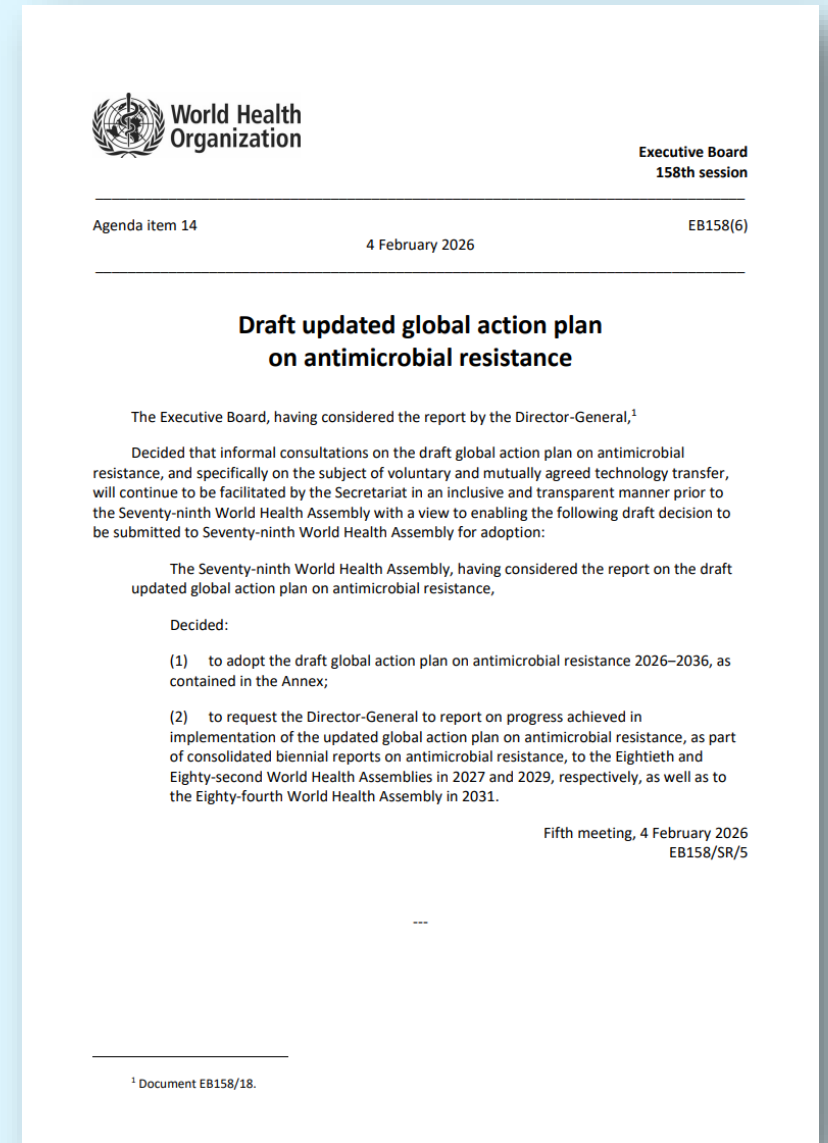
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EB158 (6) – Decision

- Decided that informal consultations on the draft global action plan on antimicrobial resistance, and specifically on the subject of ***voluntary and mutually agreed technology transfer***, will continue to be ***facilitated by the Secretariat in an inclusive and transparent manner*** prior to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly.



Secretariat response to Decision EB158(6): Proposed revisions to paragraphs 37 & 45

Proposed revisions:

37. AMR national action plans should **promote equitable, affordable and sustainable access** to quality-assured antimicrobials, diagnostics and vaccines through systems strengthening across sectors. That should include reinforcing supply chains, forecasting and resilience measures towards universal health coverage and coverage in the agrifood systems, with particular attention to smallholder farmers, conflict-affected settings, community case management and stakeholder alignment to promote responsible antimicrobial use and safe disposal of unused antimicrobials. **Options to consider within a** comprehensive evidence-based approach ~~should~~ include formulary optimization, market intelligence, strategic sourcing, pooled procurement, expanded manufacturing, licensing and **facilitating the sharing of relevant expertise and experiences.** ~~voluntary, mutually agreed technology transfer supported by appropriate affordability measures.~~

45. Strengthening research capacity and innovation uptake is essential to ensure that research outcomes extend beyond product development to inform policies and operational solutions. Development partners and public–private partnerships should assist national authorities in ensuring the rapid uptake of innovations. ~~including through context-appropriate, voluntary and mutually agreed technology transfer mechanisms.~~

Rationale:

- Address concerns raised by Member States at EB158
- Focus of the GAP-AMR is a technical/practical guidance to support accelerated action on AMR, adaptable to various contexts – i.e. *“ensure a robust and inclusive multisectoral response, through a One Health approach, that aligns with current realities to drive greater impact”* (UNGA Political Declaration para. 25)

2. Member States discussions and Next Steps

Suggested next steps:

- 16 March, 2026 *[or asap thereafter, pending outcome of today's consultation discussion/feedback]*: Member States agree, in principle, the proposed text revisions for paragraphs 37 and 45
- Updated Director-General's report, including the final version of draft updated GAP-AMR will then be submitted for consideration by WHA79, to include a proposed decision:
 - *Proposed World Health Assembly decision included in document EB158/18:*
 - *The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, having considered the report on the updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance,*
 - *Decided:*
 - *(1) to adopt the draft global action plan on antimicrobial resistance 2026–2036, as contained in the Annex;*
 - *(2) to request the Director-General to report on progress achieved in implementation of the updated global action plan on AMR, as part of consolidated biennial reports on AMR, to the Eightieth and Eighty-second World Health Assemblies in 2027 and 2029, respectively, as well as to the Eighty-fourth World Health Assembly in 2031.*

Thank you

