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Statement of Third World Network [20th February 2025]

Thank you, chair. We are happy to see the slow and steady progress INB is making. We appreciate MS for showing more cooperative spirit throughout the week.

Madam chair, we would like to bring these thoughts and views into the room. Public health principles tell us we should act at the earliest possible time, to prevent outbreaks becoming health emergencies, or even to take care of a clean and healthy environment.

But when we look at Article 4 and 12, we don't see this happening in all parts of the world. Para 8 of the Article 12 is not talking about legally binding commitments of the manufacturers using the pAbs system.

Para 7 is using the word "options" and that might be used as a loophole to not to undertake mandatory commitments even during PHIECS.

Similar is the situation with para 9 - there is no guarantee that manufacturing licenses will be shared as PABS benefits.

Now if we go to Article 4, we talk about vector control, AMR, routine immunization, but there are no legal commitments to facilitate access to antibiotics, vector control products, vaccines for routine immunization mentioned in the WHO PA.

Thus madam chair we need to move forward from the narrative that did not render help during Covid19 Pandemic, i.e. surveillance, early detection and risk assessment can prevent diseases. We need to move forward from charity based model assistance to a rule based system.