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Intervention by India

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Thank you chair,

India notes the comprehensive reports on the Immunization Agenda 2030 mid-term review, the Road Map for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030, and the End TB Strategy.

Measles and Rubella elimination is India's top immunization priority. Our strategy focuses on continuous monitoring, systematic identification of coverage gaps, and timely Supplementary Immunization Activities to ensure no child is left behind. These efforts are reinforced by catch-up campaigns, mop-up rounds, and the Zero-Dose Implementation Plan, targeting unvaccinated and under-vaccinated children in high-risk and underserved populations.

Chair

The roadmap for neglected tropical diseases demonstrates encouraging progress. To further address the challenges that persist, India suggests that endemic countries strengthen collaboration and investment in research and development to advance newer vector control tools, more effective therapeutics and vaccines

Chair

With regards to end TB Strategy, India wishes to share its best practice – the Janbhagidari, or Community Participation Campaign. This whole-of-society model mobilized elected representatives, civil society, private providers and community groups to expand screening, early diagnosis, treatment initiation and social support, demonstrating that community stewardship and local governance can accelerate progress toward TB elimination.

Thank you!