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Intervention Note :

Considering the importance of meningitis prevention, and immunization as an effective prevention method, Malaysia has introduced Hib vaccine back in 2008, and is happy to share that we will soon introduce pneumococcal conjugate vaccine in our National Immunisation Program.

We welcome the draft global roadmap on defeating meningitis. Malaysia is committed to defeat meningitis as a public health threat and agree with the visionary goals of the draft global roadmap. The draft enables Member States to strengthen the five critical pillars outlined, as well as expanding activities and initiatives under each pillar.

Malaysia commends the development of Immunization Agenda 2030, which is an essential framework to guide countries in our efforts to achieve universal health coverage.

Amid COVID-19 pandemic, as countries battle to control the pandemic and its devastating consequences, its effects on immunization uptake post a real risk for future outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

This coupled with the growing spread of antivaccination messages, and antivaccination movements that are getting more organized, adds to the challenges faced by immunization programs.

In the efforts to develop newer vaccines, vaccine safety must remain as top priority, as this is the main factor in gaining public trust on immunization programs.

It is also our hope that the issues of global vaccine supply shortage and vaccine affordability can be addressed to achieve the vision set by Immunization Agenda 2030.