Thank you, Chair.

First, the Philippines reaffirms its commitment to improve patient safety in order to reduce all avoidable harm and risk of harm to all patients and people during their interaction with health care systems, whoever they are, wherever they live, by 2030.

The Philippines, agrees with the decision to adopt the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030 and to request the Director-General to report back on progress in the implementation of the said plan to the Seventy-sixth WHA in 2023 and thereafter every two years until 2031.

The Philippines’ commitment is concretized by the issuance of a national policy on Patient Safety in Health Facilities.

With the adoption of the Global Action Plan on Patient Safety, the country aims to strengthen its efforts towards improving the overall patient safety of its people.

Second, the Philippines continues to support the WHO’s Global Action Plan on AMR through the implementation of the 2nd Philippine National Action Plan and participation in other initiatives on AMR, including GLASS and WPRACSS. The current COVID-19 pandemic has taught us to double our efforts in promoting antimicrobial stewardship by working with our partners in both the human and animal health sectors. With support from the WHO, we have rolled out our online courses on AMS for hospitals and will soon start the implementation of AMS for primary care facilities to prevent the worsening of the silent pandemic of AMR even as we face the current COVID-19 crisis.

Finally, the Philippines fully supports the intent of the Immunization Agenda 2030. The country commits to build a strong, sustainable and resilient national immunization system, guided by the core principles and strategies of Immunization Agenda 2030.

Thank you.