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Honorable chair and fellow delegates

The Bahamas commends the progress in the Road Map for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030, recognizing the unique challenges faced by small island states due to climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. Although these diseases are not endemic in The Bahamas, we remain vigilant and collaborate with local and regional health organizations to enhance detection and response capabilities. We support the strategic priorities of strengthening partnerships, securing sustainable funding, and integrating NTD efforts within broader health initiatives, advocating for continued international cooperation to meet the 2030 targets.

In alignment with the 'Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health 2016–2030' and the initiative on Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality, The Bahamas is committed to improving maternal health and reducing child mortality. With an infant mortality rate of 29.0 per 1,000 live births in 2021, the Ministry of Health and Wellness is focusing on enhancing healthcare infrastructure, emphasizing prenatal care, and ensuring accountability and equity in maternal health services. Support from the WHO is crucial as we work towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals 3.1 and 3.2 by upgrading medical infrastructure and attracting healthcare professionals, especially in rural areas.

The Bahamas also commends the WHO's report on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and acknowledges the need for a robust global response. Following the 2015 World Health Assembly resolution WHA68.7, we have developed a national action plan on AMR with a One Health approach, focusing on infection prevention, surveillance, and appropriate antimicrobial use. Successful implementation of this plan is vital to enhance public awareness and health outcomes. While our contributions as a small island state may seem modest, we are determined to play our part in this global endeavor.

I thank you.



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Mr./Madam President,

The Bahamas commends the progress outlined in the report on the Road Map for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030. As a small island state, we are acutely aware of the unique challenges posed by these diseases, especially in the context of climate change and the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

While these diseases are not currently endemic in The Bahamas, we remain vigilant. We are proactively collaborating with the Department of Environmental Health Services and rely on the expertise of CARPHA and PAHO to strengthen our detection and response capabilities.

We support the strategic priorities of strengthening partnerships, securing sustainable funding, and integrating NTD efforts within broader health initiatives. We are committed to contributing to the global action plan and urge continued international cooperation to achieve the 2030 targets.

Mr./Madam President,

The Bahamas is dedicated to improving maternal health and reducing child mortality, in alignment with the 'Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health 2016-2030' and the global initiative on Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality.

In response to an infant mortality rate of 29.0 per 1,000 live births recorded in 2021, the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) is enhancing healthcare infrastructure and response mechanisms, focusing on accountability and equity through integrated maternal health services with a strong emphasis on prenatal care.

Support from the World Health Organization (WHO) has been crucial in our journey towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals 3.1 and 3.2. We are upgrading medical infrastructure and attracting healthcare professionals, particularly in rural areas, to ensure comprehensive and decentralized healthcare delivery across our archipelago.



Continued support from the WHO is essential to our efforts.

Mr./Madam President,

The Bahamas lauds the World Health Organization for its comprehensive and timely report on antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The report rightly underscores the critical need for a unified, robust global response to AMR, which poses a dire threat to global health, food security, and economic stability.

Aligned with the 2015 World Health Assembly resolution WHA68.7, The Bahamas has crafted a comprehensive national action plan on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) embracing the One Health approach. With a focus on enhancing infection prevention, surveillance, and curbing inappropriate antimicrobial use, our plan aligns with five global objectives.

The successful implementation of our national action plan however is imperative. It will not only strengthen our approach but also elevate public awareness regarding AMR and its far-reaching consequences, thereby fostering improved health outcomes for all.

While our contributions as a small island state may seem modest, we are determined to play our part in this global endeavor.

I thank you.