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Agenda	11.6	Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
	11.7	Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality
	11.8	Antimicrobial resistance: accelerating national and global responses

The Philippines thanks Thailand for leading Member States in drafting the resolution on antimicrobial resistance, and strongly supports its endorsement by the Assembly. It signifies Member States' steadfast commitment to build health systems that are resilient against the global threat of AMR. The call to action is relevant and aligned with our national priorities, including the implementation review of the National Action Plan and piloting case-based surveillance of AMR.

The Philippines is also fully committed to supporting the Road Map for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) 2021–2030. Our strong commitment and engagement is evidenced by the recent release of the Philippine Multi-Disease Elimination Plan (MDEP) 2024-2030, an integrated service delivery framework for addressing multiple health problems in the Philippines. This strategic approach reprioritizes NTD programs, along with other priority diseases for elimination, amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On maternal and child care, the Philippines recommends bolstered support from the Secretariat to fuel Member State endeavors on the following:

1. Integrated women's health and safe motherhood services;
2. Ensuring compliance to the conduct of Maternal Death Surveillance and Response and Maternal, Newborn, Infant Death Reporting System;
3. Integrating cervical cancer, syphilis, hepatitis B and HIV screening into the antenatal care protocols;
4. Strategies to increase uptake on social health insurance benefit packages for maternity and newborn care and family planning; and
5. Strengthening capacities of health workers on basic emergency maternal obstetrics and newborn care; and

Lastly, it is important for the Secretariat to develop technical guidance for strategies that highlight the intersection points between State and Non-State Actors for efficient delivery of targeted services, integration with society-led capacity building and improved access to pediatric formulations of essential commodities, especially in low and middle income countries. Thank you.