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Agenda Item 15 Antimicrobial resistance

Thank you Madame Chair,

With close to 5 million deaths, antimicrobial resistance has emerged as one of the most significant threats that undermines the progress of medicine, health, economic, and social security, healthcare system sustainability, and effectiveness globally and locally. Notably, the AMR burden is disproportionately skewed towards LMICs, packed with weak healthcare infrastructure, insufficient implementation of regulation, which further exacerbates the situation.

In acknowledgment of the issue, Armenia has demonstrated a firm will and national commitment to fighting AMR. The adoption of the first national strategic program as early as 2015 set the foundation for coordinated, evidence-based action. Subsequently, Armenia has made significant progress, including the development of national clinical guidelines and, most recently, the adoption of a multi-sectoral five-year strategic plan and action framework. The program is co-implemented by the Ministries of Health, Environment, and Economy, thus reflecting shared commitment and embracing the “One Health” approach. It sets clear targets and outlines shared responsibilities to reduce misuse of antimicrobials across healthcare, veterinary, and food production sectors. With this coordinated and comprehensive strategy to AMR program implementation, Armenia has envisioned securing the effectiveness of the efforts.

Armenia is actively engaged in global AMR surveillance networks and aligns its efforts with the WHO AMR regional roadmap. The implementation of a national e-prescription system marks a further step towards improving traceability of antibiotic prescription practices and ensuring the responsible use of antibiotics.

As AMR is a shared global challenge with shared challenges to its control, it requires collective solutions. Armenia calls attention to the importance of continued and enhanced international cooperation to address critical gaps in financing, public awareness, and professional knowledge on AMR, infection prevention, and control practices.

Thank you