



Statement of Ireland

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Antimicrobial resistance

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Thank you Chair,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ireland aligns with the statement delivered by Poland on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.

Antimicrobial Resistance remains an urgent global health threat and Ireland welcomes the discussion on this topic.

Ireland supports the political declaration made at the United Nations high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance in New York in September 2024, including the quantitative targets set with regard to human health and the WHO's strategic and operational priorities to address drug-resistant bacterial infections in the human health sector.

We agree that the global action plan is the blueprint for addressing antimicrobial resistance globally and welcome the proposed consultations with Member States

and other relevant stakeholders in collaboration with the quadripartite alliance on updating the global plan on AMR.

Reducing the inappropriate use of antimicrobial medicines, as well as preventing the transmission of infections and disease, is vital to stop the development and spread of resistant microorganisms.

Ireland continues to deliver on its international commitments with regards to AMR and has published two national action plans on Antimicrobial Resistance covering the periods 2017 - 2020 and 2021 - 2025 respectively.

These plans recognise the urgent and growing problem of antimicrobial resistance for human health worldwide. They have aimed to implement policies and actions to prevent, monitor and combat AMR across the health, agricultural and environmental sectors.

Both plans are multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary and adopt the One Health approach. The plans align to the five Strategic Objectives as outlined in the WHO Global Action Plan.

Monitoring and implementation of the actions under iNAP2 is ongoing and Ireland's third One Health National action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (iNAP3) is currently being developed.

In recognition of the serious challenge posed by AMR, it has been included in Ireland's National Risk Assessment since 2014.

Thank you.

