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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Nigeria aligns with the global call to action against the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and affirms its commitment to the implementation of the Global Action Plan through a robust One Health approach.

Nigeria has launched the second National Action Plan on AMR (NAP 2.0) covering 2024–2028 in 2024. The plan has been endorsed by the National Council on Health (NCH) emphasizing domestic resource mobilization and multisectoral engagement.

Following the Launch of the AMR National Action plan:

- Nigeria **has developed several technical tools** such as the Antimicrobial Consumption Manual, Stewardship Guidelines, and a Diagnostic Stewardship Toolkit.
- We have **adopted an integrated stewardship model** that combines antimicrobial stewardship, IPC, and diagnostic stewardship to optimize impact.
- We continue to **strengthen surveillance capacity**, with systems now operational in 18 human health sites, 9 animal health sites, and 2 environmental laboratories.
- On IPC, **Nigeria has met the WHO 2025 minimum standards**. A dedicated national IPC budget line is now in place, and our revised IPC Policy (2024) mandates sustainable resource allocation across all levels of government.
- **A strategic plan for IPC (2025–2030) is underway**, and all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory have developed aligned IPC plans. With 37 State IPC Focal Persons and over 300 trained professionals, Nigeria is proud to have been recognized in the WHO 2024 Global IPC Report as a global best practice.

We acknowledge these challenges: Persistent funding gaps especially at the subnational level, Inadequate WASH infrastructure in health facilities, limited surveillance coverage in private and community settings, and the absence of a formal IPC career path which threaten sustainability.

To overcome these, Nigeria is prioritizing sustainable and innovative financing mechanisms, decentralized governance and subnational capacity building, expansion of surveillance into private and community health sectors and an integration of stewardship efforts across health systems.

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Chair, Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to achieving the 2030 global AMR targets and calls upon Member States, partners, and donors to strengthen global solidarity and investment in AMR containment.

Thank you.