

Statement at the 79th World Health Assembly
On Communicable Diseases, Immunization Agenda 2030

Esteemed Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

Armenia fully aligns with the global initiatives on communicable diseases.

Our broader commitment to communicable diseases is reflected in our progress against viral hepatitis and pandemic threats. Hepatitis C treatment is fully decentralized and free of charge, and final steps are underway to ensure free lifelong clinical monitoring for Hepatitis B. Additionally, a decade of implementing the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework has significantly expanded our sentinel surveillance network and molecular diagnostic capabilities.

In line with the Immunization Agenda 2030, our focus on data digitalization, professional capacity building, and addressing equity gaps has yielded high coverage rates. By the end of 2025, Armenia surpassed the critical 95% threshold for full vaccine coverage among one-year-olds. Furthermore, the successful introduction of the Varicella vaccine in January 2025 achieved around coverage rate by year-end. Moving forward into our 2026-2030 national program, we are adopting a "Lifelong Immunization" approach to counter vaccine hesitancy and secure vaccine sustainability.

Backed by our newly adopted National Pandemic Preparedness and Response Plan and an intersectoral "One Health" approach, Armenia stands ready to contribute to global health security.

Thank you.