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Intervention by India (2 mins)

Agenda Item 12.7- Substandard and falsified medical products

**Agenda Item 12.9- Draft updated Global Action Plan on
Antimicrobial Resistance**

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Thank you, Chair.

India aligns with the Director-General's report and appreciates the progress achieved under the Member State Mechanism (MSM) on Substandard and Falsified (SF) Medical Products despite resource constraints. India supports the MSM as a Member State-driven platform for global coordination, information exchange, and regulatory strengthening, and endorses the streamlined 2026–2027 workplan.

Through the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), India has strengthened market surveillance, risk-based inspections, drug testing laboratories, and digital initiatives. The Not of Standard

Quality (NSQ) dashboard further enhances transparency through regular drug alerts.

India recommends that the MSM remains practical, implementation-oriented, and focused on capacity building, while WHO should enhance technical assistance for regulatory digitalization, regional cooperation, and oversight of high-risk excipient supply chains.

Chair,

India acknowledges Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) as a major global public health challenge. India aligns with the overarching objectives of the updated Global Action Plan and is committed to implementing activities which are **consistent with national priorities articulated under country's National Action Plan on AMR,**

India's National Action Plan on AMR 2.0, launched in 2025, adopts a One Health approach with strengthened surveillance, infection prevention and control, antimicrobial stewardship, and inter-sectoral coordination.

India stresses that cross-sectoral actions, particularly in the environment sector, should be evidence-based, phased, and proportionate, while prioritizing urgent action to reduce the human health burden of AMR. **Thank you!**