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Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

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**Honourable Chair,
Distinguished Director-General,
Distinguished Delegates,**

Ireland welcomes the commitment expressed in the updated global action plan to tackle antimicrobial resistance using the One Health approach.

Ireland shares the expressed concern regarding the urgent global threat posed by antimicrobial resistance and welcomes the discussion of 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 updated global action plan is the blueprint for addressing antimicrobial resistance globally.

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.

Chair,

Ireland continues to deliver on its international commitments with regards to AMR having published to date three national action plans on antimicrobial resistance.

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

All three plans have been multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary and have adopted the One Health approach. The latest plan, iNAP3, aligns to the six Strategic Objectives as outlined in the WHO updated Global Action Plan and monitoring and implementation of the actions under iNAP3 are ongoing.

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

Thank you Chair