

79th World Health Assembly
Item 12.8 Global Action Plan on AMR

National Statement - Italy

Honourable Chair,

Excellencies,

Dear Colleagues,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its Member States, welcomes the updated Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (2026–2036) and commends the inclusive consultative process led by WHO in collaboration with the Quadripartite alliance since 2015. The new plan reflects the urgency of AMR as a growing and global health, economic and development threat.

Italy strongly supports the Plan's One Health approach and its emphasis on prevention, including adequate infection prevention and control, strengthened regulatory frameworks and laboratory capacities, water, sanitation and hygiene, and reinforced biosecurity in agrifood systems. We particularly highlight the need to integrate the environmental dimensions of AMR and to scale up surveillance systems, including through digital innovation.

We support national and global commitments to sustainable financing, accountability, and research and development, alongside equitable access to existing and new tools. Italy reiterates the importance of sustainable financing and of a collaborative approach that ensures benefits for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

Italy remains committed to advancing coordinated, multisectoral action to mitigate AMR and to support the effective implementation of the updated Global Action Plan.

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