

Item 12.7 Substandard and falsified medical products

Item 12.9 Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

Dear Chair,

Ukraine thanks the Secretariat for the report and supports the updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance.

AMR is one of the biggest global health threats. It affects human health, food systems, economies, and health security. Ukraine supports a One Health approach, including stronger surveillance, laboratory capacity, infection prevention and control, and responsible use of antimicrobials.

Despite Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine, our country continues to strengthen work on AMR and protect the effectiveness of antimicrobials. At the same time, war creates serious additional risks. These include more infections, higher use of antibiotics and heavy pressure on the health system.

Ukraine is also concerned about substandard and falsified medical products, including antimicrobials. Such products threaten patient safety, reduce treatment effectiveness, and contribute to antimicrobial resistance. Therefore, stronger national regulatory systems, better surveillance, and international information-sharing are essential.

We also stress the importance of sustainable financing, technical support, and capacity-building, especially for countries affected by conflict and humanitarian crises. Effective implementation of the global action plan requires strong international cooperation and coordinated action.

Ukraine highly values the coordinating role of WHO and remains committed to close cooperation with WHO and international partners in the global fight against antimicrobial resistance.

Thank you.