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**Accelerating Efforts on Food Safety**

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Thank you chair.

We would like to thank the Director General and the secretariat for the preparatory report for this item.

We also positively note WHO's involvement in the two most recent meetings on food safety: the First International Conference on Food Safety in Addis Ababa, and the International Forum on Food Safety and Trade in Geneva.

As markets become global, and as food production chains fragment across countries, our actions to achieve food safety must be multisectoral.

The vast network of collaborations the WHO has with other agencies, including with the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Organisation for Animal Health, the World Food Programme and the World Trade Organization, certainly reflect this reality, and properly responds to it.

Chair,

We, as Member States, need to adopt a "farm to fork" approach, taking into account all stages in the supply chain: from raw material until the food reaches the consumer.

A necessary step in this direction would be enhancing international collaboration on food safety:

- We need to fully participate in the WHO-FAO International Network of Food Safety Authorities, INFOSAN.
- We need to adhere to the food safety and nutrition standards issued by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and actively promote their full implementation.

We look forward for the publication of the WHO country tool for estimating national foodborne disease burden, and as co-sponsors, we fully support the draft resolution before us.

Thank you for your attention.