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Thank you Chair,

We would like to thank the secretariat for the preparatory report on this item.

Israel regards Antimicrobial Resistance as a main risk to the effective operation of health systems around the world - It undermines our medical and scientific achievements and puts an unnecessary burden on health systems.

Maintaining proper infection prevention and control measures and hygiene practices, as well as promoting good sanitary conditions in health facilities, are essential elements in preventing the spread of AMR. In this regard, we encourage the WHO to continue its efforts to develop a Global Framework for Development and Stewardship to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance.

An effective fight against AMR requires a multi-sectoral approach. In this regard, we would like to emphasize two points.

Firstly, we agree it is crucial to promote and advocate for the responsible use of antibiotics, both in humans and in animals, adopting a one-health approach.

Secondly, investing in infrastructure, including sewage systems, is a necessary condition to affectively combat AMR. We thus welcome WHO's support in the Global Sewage Surveillance Project, and will support further WHO activities on this topic.

As co-sponsors, we support the draft resolution under this agenda item.

Thank you.