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Dear Sir,

Subject: Member State Consultation to Accelerate Action to
Fight Antimicrobial Resistance in the Asia Pacific,
6 May 2024, Virtual

I wish to inform you that the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Offices for South-East Asia and the Western Pacific and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of the Government of Japan, will convene the Member State Consultation to Accelerate Action to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance in the Asia Pacific on 6 May 2024, through videoconference.

... Attached is the provisional programme of activities.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global issue that poses a formidable and growing threat to human health, health security, and global and national economies. To address AMR, WHO Member States in the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions have taken significant action: as of September 2023, all 11 countries in the South-East Asia Region and 21 of 27 countries in the Western Pacific Region have developed multisectoral national action plans on AMR. In 2016, the two WHO regional offices and the Government of Japan co-hosted the Tokyo Meeting of Health Ministers on Antimicrobial Resistance. The Tokyo Communiqué, published during the ministerial meeting, announced the launch of the Asia-Pacific One Health Initiative on AMR (ASPIRE) initiative to jointly identify and tackle challenges posed by AMR in the Asia Pacific region.

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Recognizing the importance of AMR and the fact that funding for AMR has been limited and progress on implementing measures to tackle AMR has been slow, a new resolution for AMR will be raised for discussion during the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in May 2024 by Member States, led by Thailand. There will also be a United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-level Meeting on AMR in September 2024, which presents an additional opportunity to stimulate progress towards limiting the impact of AMR.

To further raise the profile of AMR as a threat to public health and socio-economic development and accelerate action through the One Health approach to fight AMR in the Asia-Pacific, in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia and the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Japan is leading development of a joint position paper that reviews progress on actions to fight AMR and proposes priorities to accelerate action to fight AMR in the Asia Pacific. In preparation, a biregional virtual consultation will be convened prior to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in May 2024 for Member States to review the position paper, provide insights and inputs, and discuss the process for engaging Member States to support and endorse it.

The objectives of the consultation are:

(1) to review a draft joint position paper that may include:

(a) a joint statement highlighting progress, challenges and priorities in fighting AMR in the region, stating expectations for the United Nations High-level Meeting on AMR in September 2024 and identifying priority actions for Member States; and

(b) a review of progress of the Action Agenda for AMR in the Western Pacific Region, ASPIRE initiative announced during the 2016 ministerial meeting, and multisectoral national action plans for AMR, as well as to develop proposals for the way forward;

(2) to discuss the process for interested Member States to support and endorse the joint position paper; and

(3) to facilitate the exchange of country experiences and good practices for addressing AMR through the ASPIRE initiative and effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and updating of multisectoral national action plans for AMR across the Asia Pacific.

As the consultation may be of interest to the World Medical Association, you are cordially invited to send an observer to participate virtually.

If you accept this invitation, please send, as soon as possible, the name and contact details of your observer, who will then be provided with all the necessary information and documentation.

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Those attending virtually may connect to the teleconference/videoconference from any telephone or computer using the link that will be sent separately by email.

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