



Statement of the European Medical Students' Association (EMSA) on Progress report on implementation of the European Strategic Action Plan on Antibiotic Resistance

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Honorable chair, Distinguished delegates,

Antimicrobial resistance is one of the most important modern healthcare challenges affecting our community, the healthcare sector and our environment. Addressing all relevant factors of AMR requires multidisciplinary and global involvement across all sectors of governance and organization.

The European Medical Students' Association appreciates the efforts of the World Health Organization in fighting AMR and congratulates the WHO Regional Office for Europe, its member states and partners on the progress achieved regarding the implementation of the European Strategic Plan.

EMSA represents over 100.000 medical students from 110 faculties in 28 countries. EMSA is a stakeholder in the European Union's Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Hospital Associated Infections and takes an active role in raising awareness and peer education about AMR through local, national and european projects.

The report of the Regional Office shows that AMR in education has been addressed, however we want to point out that the scale of AMR, the One Health approach and the importance of interprofessional collaboration is still not systematically included in healthcare students' curriculum. European medical students urge governments and institutions to change this in order to equip the next generation of health workforce with the necessary knowledge to contain AMR in clinical practice, to advocate and take action on behalf of their profession and their patients.

EMSA is ready to cooperate with WHO to strengthen the collaboration between future healthcare professionals and relevant stakeholders in joint efforts fighting AMR. As a medical students' association, EMSA wants to highlight the importance of meaningful youth involvement in this process. Having innovative ideas and the capability to bridge the gap between strategy and practice we strive to be engaged in all level of society to improve the health and well-being of the population of the European Region.

Thank you for your attention.

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