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Agenda Item 15

Antimicrobial resistance

We welcome the Plan and support its priorities, which align with WHO's mandate.

But to be effective, WHO's approach must go further. AMR is not just a medical issue — it begins in our fields, our food, our systems. Overuse of antibiotics like glyphosate in agriculture poses serious health risks. WHO and FAO must act together to address these root causes.

Self-medication is not the problem — it's a symptom of health systems that people cannot access or trust. Technological fixes will not solve systemic failures. We must confront structural barriers: TRIPS, profit-driven R&D, and the deep imbalance between military spending and public health investment.

AMR is a pandemic of neglect and inequality. To stop it, we need public policies that transform industrial food systems and advance food sovereignty and a public pharma approach for equitable access to medicines.