Member States at the World Health Assembly today agreed a resolution calling for continued high-level commitments to implement and adequately resource multi-sectoral National Action Plans.

The resolution urges Member States to strengthen infection prevention and control measures including water sanitation and hygiene; enhance participation in Global Antimicrobial Surveillance System; ensure prudent use of quality-assured antimicrobials; and support multisectoral annual self-assessment survey.

It requests the WHO Director-General to significantly enhance support to countries in implementing their national action plans and help mobilize needed financial resources, in collaboration with other UN agencies and partners. It also calls on the WHO Director-General to maintain the WHO list of Critically Important Antimicrobials for human medicine and keep Member States informed of WHO's work with the other members of the Tripartite (the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Organisation for Animal Health) and UN agencies.

The resolution acknowledges the work of the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance to provide practical guidance to enhance global action to address antimicrobial resistance, and stresses the importance of addressing antimicrobial resistance to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.