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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them that, in accordance with operative paragraph 4(7) of resolution WHA68.7 (2015) that adopted the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance, and requested that the Director-General develop, in consultation with Member States and relevant partners, options for establishing a global development and stewardship framework to support the development, control, distribution and appropriate use on new antimicrobial medicines, diagnostic tools, vaccines and other interventions, and in response to the related request by the United Nations General Assembly in its political declaration on antimicrobial resistance adopted in resolution A/RES/71/3 (2016), a second informal consultation of Member States and relevant partners on developing the global framework for development and stewardship to combat antimicrobial resistance will take place at WHO headquarters, in the Executive Board Room, from 1 to 2 October 2018.

The outcome of the consultation will provide input for the finalization of the global framework by WHO, together with FAO, OIE as per the United Nations high-level political declaration. The consultation will be open to WHO Member States, relevant partners, namely FAO, OIE, and non-State actors in official relations with WHO on 1 October 2018. This will be followed by a closed session of Member States and relevant partners on 2 October 2018. Member States are encouraged to nominate senior policy-makers working on the human health aspect of antimicrobial resistance and to reach out to their counterparts in the animal health, agriculture and environment sectors to also participate.

The provisional agenda, other relevant documents and registration details will be published closer to the meeting at the following link: http://www.who.int/medicines/access/antimicrobial\_resistance/en/. Participants will have the option to register online no later than 31 August 2018. If online registration is not possible, the composition of delegations can be sent by email to iauinfo@who.int.

Interpretation will be available in the six official languages.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

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