

## GLG discussion on targets for possible consideration at the UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR in 2024

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### 1. Background

As a follow-up to the meeting on 15 December 2023 to discuss draft recommendations for consideration in the High-level Meeting (HLM) on AMR political declaration, a specific session on targets was held on 2 February 2024. It has been documented that HLM outcome documents including specific outcome-oriented actions and targets and accountable stakeholders are more likely to generate impact. The objective of the meeting was for GLG members and technical teams build consensus for potential targets for consideration of the UN General Assembly HLM on AMR. The meeting was attended by GLG members and their technical teams and staff from the Quadripartite organizations. Dr Karen Vincenti from the Ministry of Health of Malta - standing in for GLG Vice Chair Hon Chris Fearne - facilitated the meeting.

### 2. Discussion on draft commitments

GLG discussed that global aspirational targets will help to galvanize action around AMR be outcome-oriented, inspire action, and they must be readily understandable by a high-level audience including Heads of State and governments. Meeting participants discussed effective approaches to galvanize support for targets to be successfully included in the political declaration, such as having realistic numbers that can be easily measured to inspire action. It was noted that successful targets require broad multilateral endorsement and socialization.

The meeting considered the background document which proposed targets for: 1) Global reduction of deaths; 2) Antibiotic consumption in humans; 3) Antimicrobial use in agri-food systems; 4) Animal health infection prevention and vaccination; 5) Research and development; 6) Environment; and 7) Country implementation.

The background documents and introductory remarks emphasized on the need to build on the previously agreed targets. The targets included in the Muscat Manifesto, endorsed by 47 countries during the Third High-level Ministerial Conference on AMR in 2022 in Oman, were advised to be considered as the GLG had previously discussed and agreed to advocate for their implementation.

Meeting participants discussed the balance of having targets be ambitious enough to emphasize the need for urgent action against AMR and not too ambitious that they may seem unachievable. The same applied to timelines. It was noted that if the expected dates to meet certain targets are too soon, Member States may view these as unachievable however if too much time is given, the burden of AMR will grow.

It was stated that targets will have to contain language that can apply global context but defined at a country-level. The "How" to achieve these targets should be part of each country's AMR multisectoral national action plan and based on country contexts.

### 3. Conclusion

The final recommendations and targets are expected to be finalized and shared in the GLG report in advance of Member State negotiations for the AMR HLM political declaration.