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Opening Remark

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AD HOC CODEX INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE
Seventh Session
Opening Remark

Dr. Lee Eui Kyung, the Minister of the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety

Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone here in Pyeongchang, place of winter olympic games, for the 7th session of TFAMR.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Choi Mun-sun, governor of Gangwon Province, Steve Wearne, vice-chairs of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Dr. Haileyesus Getahun from the WHO, and Dr. Jeffrey Lejeune from the FAO for their participation.

My appreciation also goes to the TFAMR chair, and chairs and vice-chairs of the electronic working groups for their commitment to the task force.

And my special thanks go to the delegations coming from around the globe.

Ladies and gentlemen,

WHO picked AMR as one of the ten threats to global health this year.

Just like climate change which is also included in the list,

AMR can put more people at risk in the future if we don't make harmonized efforts.

It has been four years since WHA adopted the resolution that stresses FAO-WHO-OIE tripartite cooperation for fighting against AMR in 2015.

Over the last few years, international cooperation in fighting AMR has been stepped up.

- UN Interagency Coordination Group for AMR, IACG, has published recommendations report.
- Following the recommendations, the Joint Tripartite Secretariat on AMR has been established.
- AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund has been launched to scale up efforts to support countries to counter the immediate threat of AMR.

The Republic of Korea launched its national action plan in 2016 for protecting public health by optimal use and reduced use of antimicrobials and control of spread of drug-resistant bacteria.

Korea's national action plan includes improving farm sanitation and bio-security for infection prevention and requires professionals' prescription for some critically important antibiotics.

All stakeholders in the food chain, from farm to table are making an effort to tackle AMR.

Tasks to control AMR are assigned to all of us.

This year's session is highly critical for us to move forward.

I do wish we make the session fruitful with your wise inputs.

Distinguished guests,

It's more crucial to have our recommendations and plans in place, than our plans themselves.

Let me add my voice to those emphasizing international cooperation for capacity building of mid- and low-income countries for tackling AMR.

As the host country of TFAMR,

Korea is joining international efforts to enhance capacity building for developing countries.

This is in line with strengthening global governance, one of the recommendations by IACG, and enhancing partnerships, one of the Sustainable Development Goals.

There is no time to waste for us.

It's time to do something bold in order to conserve antibiotics for future generations.

Again, I would like to extend my warm welcome to you all and I hope you have a chance to peep the beauty of this city while staying here.

Thank you.