

WHA76 – FDI Statement on Item 13.5

Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control Documents [A76/7 Rev.1](#) and [EB152/2023/REC/1](#), decision [EB152\(7\)](#)

Agenda item 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

FDI, the global voice of the dental profession, welcomes the draft global strategy on infection prevention and control and the vision to ensure “everyone accessing or providing health care is safe from associated infections by 2030”.

Dentists prescribe up to 10% of all antibiotics used worldwide and play a key role in preventing dental infections. FDI has worked tirelessly to promote responsible antibiotic prescribing practices in the dental profession. Its Antimicrobial Working Group, [a 2023 winner of the Antibiotic Guardian Award](#), supports WHO’s efforts to address infection prevention and control and provides health professionals guidance on addressing antimicrobial resistance.

We urge governments to leverage FDI’s expertise, resources, and network while developing and implementing national infection prevention and control policies.