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Agenda Item 11.6: Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

Statement:

Global Health Council, supported by IDSA, appreciate the recommendations of the expert review panel on the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property. Representing more than 11,000 infectious diseases physicians and scientists, IDSA recognizes the urgent need to develop the policies and tools required for addressing the most pressing global infectious diseases crises, from developing a vaccine to prevent tuberculosis, to promoting incentives for development of new antibiotics to address growing antimicrobial resistance. We support the panel’s recommendation to prioritize R&D needs of Type III diseases that are overwhelmingly infectious diseases.

We also support the panel recommendation to support collaborations between internationally recognized centers for R&D and institutions in developing countries. Multisectoral, global partnerships are not only central for developing and scaling up use of health innovations, they are essential for strengthening health capacity in developing countries.

We strongly support the recommendation to implement delinking mechanisms for the sales of certain products from developer return on investment, particularly for new antibiotics that address the growing global antimicrobial resistance crisis. Such an approach can incentivize urgently needed R&D while also promoting antibiotic stewardship and appropriate patient access to needed medicines globally. IDSA is advancing a US legislative proposal to establish a delinkage mechanism for antibiotic development that provides base market entry rewards for new, qualifying antibiotics that address the most urgent unmet medical needs.

We support the call to Member States for dedicated R&D funding relevant to the health needs of developing countries. Infectious diseases have no boundaries – ensuring the development of much needed drugs, diagnostics and vaccines is critical for ensuring global health security and prosperity for all.