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Secretary, MoHFW  
Chair, Intersectoral Coordination Committee (ISC-AMR)  
National AMR Action Plan  
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Madam,

National AMR Action plan to tackle the challenge of Antimicrobial resistance crisis is one of the most ambitious multi-sectorial implementation strategies our country has prepared. Sincere implementation of this plan is essential for the patient safety, proper functioning of our health care system and the national economy. Our honourable Prime Minister and Health Minister have shown sincere and highly commendable interest in the issue and the action plan.

All states and union territories are in the process of implementing the National action plan. Kerala is the first state to prepare a state action plan with the help of Indian division of WHO and National Centre for Disease Control. We congratulate the state for their efforts. Unfortunately, the state action plan is monopolised by pharmaceutical companies, device and vaccine manufacturers; on the pretext of public private partnership. This is obvious Conflicts of interest (COI) and will only help the business interest of these companies. There is a strong possibility that industry will try to monopolise the action plans of other states as well, potentially resulting in the failure of our National action plan.

We request you take urgent measures to safe guard the integrity of our national action plan by formulating clear-cut guidelines on industry collaboration and instructing all states to follow these guidelines. Alliance against Conflict of interest will be more than happy to assist the Inter sectorial coordination committee (ISC-AMR) and Technical advisory committee (TAG-AMR) in preparing these guidelines.

Thanks and look forward to hear from you,

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