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Dear Dr Ghafur

I am writing to thank you for coming to Canberra and speaking at our annual conference. Your lectures were most interesting and have gone a long way towards helping us understand the problems of antibiotic resistance in India.

On behalf of our society, I am also pleased to convey our full support for the "Chennai Declaration". It is a principled and yet practical framework to begin tackling the problem of antimicrobial resistance, and we wish you well in your efforts to gain support for all the measures outlined in the document. The members of ASID have affirmed that they believe that the menace of rising antibiotic resistance is perhaps the most pressing and serious public health problem that the world faces today. We would be happy to help in further publicising the Declaration and lobbying for the implementation of its recommendations.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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