

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 12.2 - Antimicrobial resistance
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Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), the global organisation representing over three million pharmacists worldwide.

We would like to applaud the WHO for its leadership in tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR). We are pleased to see relevant teams in the WHO being increasingly involved, such as the WHO Essential Medicines List Committee and the WHO Patient Safety Team. This ensures synergy of activities around the responsible use of antibiotics.

FIP is keen to continue supporting the WHO in the development and implementation of tools reinforcing the fight against AMR. We were pleased to contribute to WHO expert consultation meetings on health workforce education and antimicrobial resistance control. Such engagements with healthcare professionals' organisations facilitate the development of action plans aligned with the reality of practice, and their implementation as outlined in the Global Action Plan, as well as interprofessional collaborative practice in reducing AMR.

FIP has called on its national pharmacy associations to take an active role and contribute to the development of the national plans against AMR. To support them, FIP has gathered the evidence into a publication "Fighting antimicrobial resistance: The contribution of pharmacists". This highlights best practices for using the full potential of pharmacists from around the world in different settings (community, hospital, etc.). Moreover, it summarises how current national AMR policies are facilitated by professional organisations of pharmacists. It is available at: <http://www.fip.org/publications>.

The commitment of pharmacists worldwide towards the implementation of the World Health Organization's Global Action Plan on AMR is total. It will be renewed in our statement of policy on control of antimicrobial medicines resistance to be adopted in September 2017.

Thank you for your attention.