

**Intervention on provisional agenda item Committee B - C. Global action on patient safety
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76th WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Speaker: International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

As the global body representing over 4 million pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacy educators, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) urges member states to leverage pharmacists' contributions to ensure optimal patient outcomes while working for "Health for All". Pharmacists are uniquely positioned to ensure patient safety by identifying and preventing medication errors, adverse drug reactions, and drug interactions. Evidence shows that pharmacist-led interventions, such as medicines use reviews and medicines reconciliation across transitions of care, are cost-saving and result in improved medication adherence and reduced medication-related problems. Pharmacists lead and collaborate in interprofessional efforts to develop and implement medication safety policies and procedures, as well as conduct medication safety audits and report adverse events.

Thank you.