

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 5(a) – Towards a roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the WHO European Region**

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

We welcome this roadmap to ensure the implementation of the Health 2020 policy framework, including via strengthening health systems and building capacities for public health operations. The framework's six overarching targets and their respective indicators require the full involvement of the entire healthcare workforce, which needs to be sufficient in number and needs to possess the required competencies to deliver the services needed to the population.

It was estimated that over 500 billion USD could be saved every year globally if responsible use of medicines was achieved and pharmacists have been identified as the key enabler of this saving.

Pharmacists are a crucial component of the healthcare workforce (often being third in terms of numbers) and FIP calls upon the governments to include them in their national strategy when implementing the framework.

The implementation of this framework will require a thorough analysis of the workforce and of education. In order to assist governments and professional leaders, FIP will host the Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education on 7 and 8 November 2016, in Nanjing, China. We encourage each of you to take part in this discussion.

Thank you.