

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 11.5.1 on Universal health coverage - Primary health care towards universal health coverage  
72<sup>nd</sup> WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

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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 four million pharmacists worldwide.

Last year, FIP endorsed the Declaration of Astana on primary health care (PHC). Pharmacists are a vital part of the PHC team. In many places, the community pharmacy is the only PHC unit accessible and acts as a good point of contact between sectors, for example, when a patient is discharged from hospital.

Last month — just six months of the Astana Declaration — FIP held its first regional conference focusing on how pharmacists across all sectors can deliver PHC. This took place in Amman, Jordan, with support and participation from the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. It resulted in the Amman Commitment; the first regional pharmacy commitment to PHC. FIP plans to garner similar commitment in all WHO regions.

FIP's vision is that every country has a national strategy and action plan for pharmaceutical workforce development, which is key to PHC. We launched our first Workforce Transformation Programme in Amman, in collaboration with the Jordanian Pharmacists Association. This programme offers concrete solutions for the proper planning and development of national or regional workforces, and we will make it available to many other countries.

FIP offers resources to promote collaboration among the pharmacy workforce, such as our report on “Technicians and pharmacy support workforce cadres working with pharmacists”. We have also published a report on pharmacists supporting women as informal caregivers, available on our website.

To conclude, FIP is committed to delivering PHC and, as a result, universal health coverage. We are working to transform pharmacy for better PHC and we encourage member states to join us in these efforts.

Thank you for your attention.