

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 6. Primary health care  
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Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), which represents over four million pharmacists worldwide.

In October, on the first anniversary of the WHO's Declaration of Astana on Primary Health Care, FIP in collaboration with the Turkish Pharmacists' Association hosted a conference for the European Region entitled "*Delivering primary health care: Pharmacists taking the next leap forward*".

This conference gathered around 800 participants from 35 countries. We appreciated the presence of the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the WHO Country Office Turkey.

In direct response to the Astana Declaration, pharmacy leaders signed a collective "Commitment to Action on Primary Health Care" and we started to develop an FIP roadmap to implement this commitment. We invite you to read about these actions, such as workforce transformation, on the FIP website.<sup>1</sup>

This conference was, in fact, the second in a series of FIP regional conferences to transform pharmacy for better primary health care through improved medicines-related services. In collaboration with other members of the primary health care team, pharmacists are expanding care models to meet people's needs throughout the continuum of care. For example, in an increasing number of countries, pharmacists give patient care in ambulatory care clinics and provide hospital-based home healthcare services. Patients benefit from access to medication information, the prevention and resolution of medication-related problems, and continued, comprehensive and coordinated care leading to improved outcomes.

To conclude, we pharmacists are an essential part of primary health care. We urge Member States to implement the vision and commitments of the Astana Declaration. As the most accessible and most trusted health professionals, we are ready to support you in the provision of integrated, people-centred services.

Thank you for your attention.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fip.org/files/fip/PharmacyEducation/2019/FIP-WTP-program-web.pdf>