

Intervention on provisional agenda item 16.2. on Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies

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Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, which represents over 4 million pharmacists worldwide.

Medicines package inserts are only available in the languages of the country where the marketing authorisation for a medicine is granted.

Movements of migrants, including refugees, highlight the lack of medicines information in different languages as a significant barrier to the safe use of medicines in our increasingly diverse societies.

To address this problem, we urge the WHO to develop and operate an international multilingual database of medicines information for member states, accessible via a QR code on the medicine package.

Thank you.

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