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Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

As the global body representing over 4 million pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacy educators, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) appreciates WHO's efforts to enhance and protect the health of vulnerable groups. However, we are concerned about the rising numbers of those affected by natural and manmade crises.

FIP believes that the current emergency preparedness and response of healthcare professionals could be enhanced by expanding the role of pharmacists in inpatient and outpatient settings, improving accessibility to information, preventive care, vaccination, monitoring therapy problems and patient counselling. FIP has been emphasising and promoting the role of women in responsible use of medicines and pharmacists' global response to pandemic preparedness. As a result of comprehensive strategies, more women, children and adolescents will be vaccinated and protected from prenatal mortality and issues at birth and monitored for better health outcomes.

Thank you!