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Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I am here today on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), representing four million pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacy educators worldwide.

As we all reflect on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential for healthcare professionals to assess what worked well and identify areas for improvement. FIP recognises the challenges to public health and has taken learnings from many pharmacy-based solutions. We aim to seize the opportunities that arise from our many shared experiences.

To shed light on the global response of pharmacy to the pandemic, FIP has published a comprehensive report which not only highlights the invaluable contributions of pharmacists in combatting COVID-19, but also outlines many innovations delivered. FIP is committed to building upon international learning and collaboration and urges member states to utilise the value of pharmacy in public health initiatives.

Thank you.