

Intervention on provisional agenda item 13.5 Substandard and falsified medical products

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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.

Pharmacists are among the most trusted healthcare professionals, serving as medication experts for patients and communities. Through the FIP Development Goal on patient safety,¹ FIP promotes safe pharmaceutical care, develops tools in collaboration with WHO to support pharmacists, and highlights the critical role of pharmacists in patient safety.

Substandard and falsified (SF) medical products are a global public health concern threatening the safety of patients. Pharmacists have the necessary knowledge and skills to use the appropriate medicines authentication system of medicines, when available, as well as educate patients on the availability of legal online channels when available. Moreover, governments should have appropriate enforcement tools to deter illegal online drug sellers. Due to the high safety risks of illegal online drug sellers and SF medical products sold online, FIP has developed five new modules to be embedded into existing SF medical product curricula.² This resulting curricula is now strengthened to teach pharmacists on the broader issue of SF medical products globally.

Thank you.

¹ <https://developmentgoals.fip.org/dg19/>

² <https://provision.fip.org/fipx-courses/>