

Intervention on provisional agenda item 12.7 Substandard and falsified medical products, 12.9 Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

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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 5.5 million pharmacists, pharmacy educators and pharmaceutical scientists worldwide.

Pharmacists are key members of Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) programme teams and can act as primary leaders of stewardship initiatives. Establishing the roles of dedicated pharmacists specialised in AMS and fostering collaborative relationships between pharmacists and other prescribers remains critical to strengthening stewardship efforts.

As experts in medication safety and the final link in the pharmaceutical distribution chain, pharmacists are uniquely positioned in educating and advising patients who have been exposed to SF medical products.^{1,2} FIP urges Member States to take globally coordinated action to improve professional education and public awareness to prevent the use of SF medical products.

Thank you for your attention.

¹ International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). A curriculum for addressing the risk of substandard and falsified medical products sold online: a handbook for educators. The Hague: International Pharmaceutical Federation; 2024. <https://www.fip.org/file/6047>

² International Pharmaceutical Federation. Title: Reference paper on Improving access to safe and quality essential medicines and medical devices: the role of the pharmacist, The Hague: FIP, 2024. <https://www.fip.org/file/6036>