

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 13.5 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 four million pharmacists worldwide.

We welcome WHO's compilation of progress on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) under the consolidated report by the Director-General. This comes very timely as we are witnessing the huge impact of a communicable virus on our lives. We are in the midst of one public health emergency, but with the emergence of untreatable, drug-resistant infections and diseases, we may soon find ourselves in other public health emergencies.

We are pleased to read that at least 144 countries have a national action plan on AMR.¹ FIP has called on its national pharmacy associations to take an active role in the development and implementation of these plans.² FIP continues to facilitate the essential contributions of pharmacists to AMR reduction around the world, which include surveillance and monitoring of antimicrobial use and resistance, antibiotics distribution and regulation.

To drive action, a few months ago, FIP established the FIP Commission on Antimicrobial Resistance, comprised of pharmacy experts with international reach and diverse backgrounds. The commission works on supporting the pharmacy profession, for example, by building a repository of resources for pharmacists in different settings. Furthermore, we are planning a broad engagement exercise during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week later this year through a series of events, which will run throughout all six WHO regions.

In conclusion, the fight against AMR and support of rational antibiotic use requires action and collaboration of all stakeholders — industry partners, governments, health authorities, healthcare professionals and patients — and continued global discussion on how to achieve progress followed by action and implementation.

FIP and pharmacists globally are committed to being the part of the solution.

Thank you for your attention.

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¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA74/A74_10Rev1-en.pdf

² <https://www.fip.org/file/1598>