

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 16.1 – Health workforce and services
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Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), the global organisation representing three million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists worldwide.

We welcome the draft global strategy on human resources for health (HRH). Achieving the goals expressed in this strategy require a full, and complete health care workforce that is sufficient in number and competent to deliver the full range of pharmaceutical services in order to meet the challenges facing global health and patient care.

Pharmacists are a crucial component of any health care workforce and we encourage all governments to include them in their national strategies on HRH. Pharmacy workforce development requires proper planning designed to ensure the delivery of services according to local and national needs.

In order to establish dialogue and consensus among policymakers, education leaders and regulators on how pharmaceutical workforce competence can be assured through education, FIP will host a Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education. This unique event, to be held on 7 and 8 November 2016, in Nanjing, China, will make a significant contribution to improved global health outcomes by ensuring that the pharmacy workforce is appropriately educated and competent to close gaps in the development, distribution, and responsible use of medicines.

FIP will lead the adoption of a clear roadmap on which the pharmaceutical profession can rely to advance education and training through a shared vision to accept full responsibility and accountability for improving global health. This conference is building on the priorities of the FIP Education Initiative that is investing USD 2m, over the period 2014-18. These commitments were presented at the Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health in Recife, Brazil.

Thank you for your attention.