



World Health Professions Alliance WHPA

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Honourable Members of the World Health Assembly,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Council of Nurses, the International Pharmaceutical Federation, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the World Dental Federation and the World Medical Association, which together form the World Health Professions Alliance WHPA.

We would like to applaud governments and WHO for the progress made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the efforts to ensure that health remains central to the post-2015 development agenda.

At this time of transition to the sustainable development goals, we would like to highlight the need for a more system-wide investment with primary focus on health promotion and prevention of illness. As countries are accelerating efforts towards universal health coverage, there is a clear need for strong health systems that are well-equipped with necessary materials and trained staff in order to continuously provide good quality healthcare services to all people in need. In this regard, we appreciate the general discussion on “building resilient health systems” at this Health Assembly and emphasise the essential need for effective planning and financing for adequate health workforce that meets the need of the country.

Further, WHPA supports the intersectoral actions to health. Protecting health of the population is the responsibility of the governments. Health professionals are responding to a range of health problems as a result of factors that are beyond health sector control. Therefore we strongly support the commitments of governments to address determinants of health such as nutrition and environment that are being discussed at this Health Assembly and call for use of health indicators for non-health goals. Thank you.

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