**WHO Executive Board 146**

**Joint Intervention on Item 22.1: Involvement of non-State actors in WHO’s governing bodies**

I am speaking on behalf of the World Medical Association (WMA), supported by the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), representing over 31 million nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, dentists, and physicians globally. We highlight the following on the proposed way forward[[1]](#endnote-1):

Point 17

* We request that any pilot of new modalities at the 74th WHA comes with a robust assessment to ensure the measures are monitored and objectively reported, so that an informed decision on the appropriate way forward can be made.

Point 18

* We strongly request that the number of delegates for Non-State actors (NSAs) is not restricted.
* We welcome additional opportunities for in-depth exchanges and to engage directly with Member States. Such events would only be fruitful if the parties are in attendance and committed to giving importance to these conversations. Currently it is doubtful if Member States would attend.

Point 19

* With years of experience in coordinating joint statements, we strongly disagree with constituency statements. Considering the diversity and divergence in opinions and expertise, statements are likely to be a consensus of diluted messages, instead of providing an opportunity for healthy debate.
* Allowing NSA statements early in the debate is appreciated and would help the messages become more meaningful.

Point 20

* WHPA strongly disagrees with the proposal to restrict the number of NSA statements. Should this be implemented, challenges arise regarding which are delivered, how this is determined and by whom.
* We appreciate that the number of statements posted should not be limited however Member States rarely consult these statements therefore this is of little value.

WHPA stresses the need for ongoing, meaningful and efficient processes to gather views and input into WHO’s work and offers its assistance.

1. EB146/33 WHO reform – Involvement of non-State actors in WHO’s governing bodies. Report by the Director-General. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)