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Agenda item 16 - Social determinants of health

Honourable chair, distinguished delegates,

I speak on behalf of the World Medical Association (WMA), representing over 9 million physicians worldwide.

Not addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDH) results in negative health outcomes and inequities, as covid has proven. Strengthening SDH improves health equity and contributes to the achievement of UHC.

The WMA supports the development of a global operational framework for measuring, assessing and addressing the SDH and health inequities; only through a monitoring framework can countries be made accountable. The development of the global action agenda on SDH and the global monitoring framework should be guided by the Commission on SDH and include physicians in the development process.

The WMA calls to increase coordinated action and progress to address the SDH.

Thank you