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Item 16.3 – Social Determinants of Health

Honorable chair, distinguished delegates,

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

Failure to address Social Determinants of Health (SDH) results in negative health outcomes and health inequities. COVID-19 highlighted this, revealing widened gaps. Targeted action on SDH addressing these discriminations contributes to the achievement of UHC.

WMA supports the development of a global operational framework for measuring, assessing and addressing SDH and health inequities and strongly recommends that physicians be fully involved in the process. We also call for a monitoring mechanism holding countries accountable with regular reporting as well as a sustained WHO technical and strategic support to countries.

Finally, it is critical that Member States develop further coordinated actions and intersectoral collaboration to address SDH and health inequities.

Thank you