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Primary Health Care (item 10)

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The World Medical Association recognises the WHO's ongoing efforts to strengthen primary health care-oriented health systems as the essential pathway to achieving universal health coverage and building people-centred, resilient health systems.

Effective implementation requires a protected and sustainably financed PHC workforce, fairly remunerated and working in safe and supportive environments. Long-term sustainability depends on attracting and retaining health professionals to ensure continuity of care, strong system performance at all levels, and especially at the community level, while safeguarding well-being. We encourage the continued prioritisation of primary health care as the most effective pathway towards universal health coverage, informing preparations for the 2027 United Nations High-Level Meeting on UHC.

Thank you