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Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (item 11)

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The World Medical Association shares the concern that progress towards achieving the health-related Sustainable Development Goals remains insufficient. To accelerate progress, we urge Member States and the Secretariat to prioritise investments in primary health care as the cornerstone of a sustainable health system and the foundation for achieving universal health coverage, alongside sustained investment in the health workforce, and action on the social determinants of health. Health must be integrated across all policies, particularly in the context of climate change, conflicts, and widening inequalities, with the meaningful engagement of health care personnel and communities.

In the face of resource constraints, strengthening health information systems requires resilient, locally owned data and digital infrastructure. Sustainable development is inseparable from health equity, social justice, and a protected health workforce.

Thank you.