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Pillar	1	One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage
	4	More Effective And Efficient Who Providing Better Support To Countries
Agenda	14	Standardization of medical devices nomenclature
	21.1	Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, for the period 2008-2022 (<i>Global strategies expiring in one year</i>)

A global standardized nomenclature system will result in better access to safe, effective and quality medical devices for healthcare workers and the general public, greatly advancing the implementation of the Philippines' Universal Health Care Act. Thus, we support the decision to continue working on the four identified nomenclature systems to come up with a harmonized medical device nomenclature.

We also appreciate the recommendations of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on public health, innovation and intellectual property to prioritize research and development, build innovation capacity, promote technology transfer and strengthen country capacity in applying TRIPS flexibilities. We support the WHO in its collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, and other international organizations to promote development of national legislations to fully reflect public health flexibilities provided in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

Waiving patents is only one of the many actions necessary to solve the critical shortages of vaccines and supplies for COVID-19. Member States experienced bottlenecks in manufacturing, production, distribution, and access to raw materials, as well as challenges of constrained global supply that limit immediate access to critical health commodities for COVID-19. This strengthened our resolve to create a national roadmap for a resilient, responsive and self-reliant supply system which we hope to achieve over the next decade.

We also take note of the updates on the AWaRe classification of antibiotics and the list of priority medical devices for COVID-19. These will be contributory to our country's plans to develop Essential Medical Devices List for efficient sourcing of quality and affordable medical devices and supplies in the public sector.

The Philippines supports the extension of the timeframe of the plan of action beyond 2022 and remains committed to work with the global community to advance this agenda.

Thank you.