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Agenda 11: Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

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Thank you Chair!

Medical devices are health technologies that are essential in health services for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation; they are not medicines or vaccines.

They are required throughout the life course, as well as in emergencies and disease management.

A standardized classification and nomenclature of medical devices will serve as a common language for recording and reporting medical devices across the whole health system at all levels of health care for a whole range of uses.

Such a classification would support patient safety, allow comparisons and measurement of the availability of medical devices as well as assessment of access to devices in the community using health facility assessments tools.

Standardization of nomenclature is also essential for defining and naming innovative technologies, classifying the devices for regulatory approval (registration) and for streamlining procurement of these products.

Chair

The **lack of a nomenclature system has hampered the development of the evidence- and web-based health technologies database to provide guidance on appropriate medical devices as requested in resolution WHA60.29 (2007)** on health technologies.

A standardized classification of medical devices could link to WHO's other international classification systems, such as the International Classification of Health Interventions, the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health and be part of WHO's family of international classifications, in order to **support organized and standardized information for policy-makers and managers.**

Chair!

India believes that standardized nomenclature of medical devices will serve as a **common language for recording and reporting medical devices across the whole health system, at all levels of health care,** for a whole range of uses.

Such a **classification would support patient safety, allow comparisons and measurement of the availability of medical devices as well as assessment of access to devices in the community using health facility assessments tools**.

It will also play a key role in defining and naming innovative technologies**, classifying the devices for regulatory approval (registration) and for streamlining procurement**.

India welcomes the WHO initiative to go forward with the consultations among member states and related stakeholders.

Thank You!