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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India**

Agenda 7: Substandard and falsified medical products

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Thank you Chair,

We strongly support the role of WHO in Member State Mechanism on Substandard and falsified medical products and India appreciates the support for the WHO Member State mechanism as the forum for developing global approaches to the prevention and detection of, and response to, substandard and falsified medical products.

India appreciates the reports of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products.

India appreciates the work of MSM for:

- The information reported through Global Surveillance and Monitoring System (GSMS) on substandard and falsified COVID-19 vaccines.
- Development of e-Tool regarding the risk-based post-market surveillance
- Development of guidance on strategies to enable national and regional regulatory authorities to address the distribution or supply of substandard and falsified medical products via the internet.

- Identifying experiences, best practices and regulation of the distribution or supply of medical products via the internet to prevent and reduce the risk of substandard and falsified medical products reaching consumers.
- Giving wide publicity to the documents prepared by MSM through WHO Secretariat at various International fora.

Chair,

India appreciates:

- WHO for making provision for funding to MSM.
- Cost effective and consensus building methodologies of MSM by working through Mednet, Web Survey to arrive at consensus on technical documents, relating to issues of tackling the SF Medical Products.
- WHO Secretariat's observer-ship in various related activities of other similar forum on SF Medical Products like Global Steering Committee to leverage work of each other & avoid duplication.
- Work of Global Monitoring & Surveillance system & training programme conducted by WHO Secretariat.

India was an active member as a Chair in MSM representing SEARO region in recent past and will continue to engage and support the work of Member State Mechanism to prevent the menace of SF Medical Product from World, while ensuring access to quality, efficacious, affordable Medical Products from public health perspective.

Thank You.