

Statement of the Republic of Moldova

11. Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

International classification, coding and nomenclature of medical devices

Thank you Madam President,

Dear Colleagues,

On this subject I would like to mention that in several countries the Agency of Medicines also covers medical devices, as in the Republic of Moldova where there is a National Medicines and Medical Devices Agency. If over the years, the regulation of registration, circulation, prescription, procurement and consumption of medicines was sufficiently and well regulated, the field of medical devices remained with an undeveloped and undefined legal status. At the same time, Republic of Moldova is rapidly developing its ability to provide diagnostic and treatment equipment, and the lack of comprehensive and robust regulation remains a major impediment. Ultimately, the largest public procurements cover this segment and the above mentioned above leads to their cancellation, to infiltration of conflicts of interest and corruption risks, as well as inefficient use of resources.

We propose that WHO provides support, both logistics and expertise to countries that request assistance in strengthening the national legal framework, in consulting the technical specifications of the equipment proposed for public procurements, but also trainings of local specialists.

I would like to draw attention to the fact that with the modernization of health systems, medical devices become one of the most important elements in ensuring access to high-quality medical services, especially to diagnostic services.

Thank you.