

Statement of the Slovak Republic
152th Executive Board
Agenda Item 8 - Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

Madam Chair,

Slovakia aligns itself with the EU statement delivered by Denmark. We thank Israel for leading this process and we cosponsor this important resolution because there is no hope for strengthening the health systems and contributing to global health architecture, unless the improvement in implementation of UHC, SDGs innovations and training of health professionals are in place. Speaking about innovations, it is crucial to note that robot-assisted rehabilitation technologies put the evidence-based perspective into new understanding of definition and scope of rehabilitation. Slovakia recognises that rehabilitation services have implications not only on quality of life and inclusion of people with disabilities or acute trauma but moreover to the families' and community's health through early interventions and psychosocial integration. We call on WHO Secretariat and Regional Offices to help countries in identifying the best and contextualised implementation of rehabilitation services on local levels through a more visible engagement of WHO country offices in facilitating a dialogue among policy makers, executives, health and social professionals, humanitarian organisations, patients and advocacy groups. The country offices should serve as a facilitator in the process of needs and solutions identification in order to assist in achieving complex and holistic access to the rehabilitation. Slovakia strongly supports a regular mapping in this field and implementation of edited ICF for children, adolescents and adults.

Thank you.