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WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel:
Third round of national reporting

Statement by
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Honorable Chair, Distinguished delegates,

The International Organization for Migration works in collaboration with Member States and partners to promote effective management of health workforce mobility and skills transfer from the diaspora. We remain committed to working with WHO, ILO, OECD and partners, as part of the International Platform on Health Worker Mobility, as well as supporting Member States in the implementation of the Code of Practice.

IOM welcomes the third round of national reporting on the WHO Global Code of Practice on International Recruitment of Health Personnel. The report provides evidence on the rising trends in international migration and the increasing complexity in the patterns of movement of health workers. It highlights that countries previously recognized as source countries are now reliant on foreign trained health workers.

The report, recognizes the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which includes an important linkage to the Code and promotes access for migrant workers, including the health workforce, to the same rights and protections extended to all workers in their respective sector.

IOM believes that well managed migration of health workers plays a key role in building capacity of the health systems in both, receiving and sending countries, contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.

Thank you very much.