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**EU Statement**

Chair,  
Director General,  
Excellencies,  
Colleagues,

I am delivering this statement on behalf of the EU and its 27 Member States.

The candidate countries North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina\*, the potential candidate country Georgia, the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Armenia align themselves with this statement.

The EU and its Member States thank the Director-General and the Secretariat for the continued excellent work done by WHO for the development of a WHO standardized medical devices nomenclature, thus implementing decision WHA75(25) of 28 May 2022.

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\* North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process

The EU and its Member States in particular welcome that the secretariat has updated the priority medical devices information system MeDevIS to include EMDN codes and terms for more than 2,000 priority medical devices and encourage the secretariat to continue this work.

In this context, we would like to emphasize that all this information is publicly available for everyone and everywhere, due to the fact that the EMDN principles of accessibility are fully in line with WHO's policy of open access.

The European Union and its Member States wish to take this opportunity to continue underlining that the EMDN is a clear, completely accessible nomenclature that is available to all States and which meets the criteria for global public good.

Finally, we continue to **firmly request the Director-General to allocate sufficient resources** for a timely and smooth implementation and to guarantee lasting sustainability of this matter of high importance to all health institutions.

Thank you.