

**Integrated Statement of I.R. IRAN on
“Substandard and Falsified Medicine Products (SF)”
"Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems"
"Draft Global Strategy for Infection Prevention and Control"**

Under Agenda item 13.3, we do appreciate the DG and the secretariat for developing the document A76/7 with clear determination of prioritized actions and information about progress in each action area. In line with priority activity No. “C”, the I.R.Iran has been using an electronic tool known “TTAC” (set for Tracing, Tracking and Authentication Control) as National Regulatory Tracing system (NRT). Each member state owns capabilities in different aspects and it would be a great opportunity for the mechanism to benefit all these capabilities collectively to manage the SF problem in the world. Iran’s FDA stands ready to work with all team leads of priority action areas and their groups.

Regarding Agenda Item 13.4, strengthening rehabilitation in health systems, I.R.Iran support the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of Oman on behalf of EMR countries. We have conducted a national survey in all provinces for rapid assistive technology assessment (rATA) with more than 18,000 samples. In the four-phase process mentioned in the document, I.R. Iran has been classified among the countries in the stage of the situation assessment, however with WHO support, we have developed and endorsed a national action plan on assistive technologies based on the assessment results. There are some challenges in achieving the goals set in the document A76/7 Rev.1 especially limited availability and accessibility of up-to-date assistive technologies and related information due to unilateral coercive measure against Iran with unavoidable economic and technical impacts.

We suggest the following In order to streamline achieving to objectives of the document, actions:

1. To develop quantitative indicators for rehabilitation services
2. To conduct national surveys to measure the progress of countries healthcare system regarding rehabilitation services

Regarding IPC, due to wide scope of the program and the impact of numerous factors, there are some potential challenges against the successful implementation of the program such as non-compliance of HCWs with IPC measures, the insufficient number of isolation rooms/wards, the capacity of microbiology laboratories in hospitals and non-standard ventilation systems in the hospitals & inappropriate layout. Considering the broad nature of the IPC program on one hand and limited resources on the other hand, a step-by-step implementation is recommended especially in health care facilities of lower-income countries.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.