

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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National Statement

Agenda 14: Standardization of Medical Devices Nomenclature; and Agenda 21.1 on the Global Strategy and plan of action in public health, innovation and intellectual property for the period 2008-2022

Thank you chair

1. Kenya aligns this statement with that delivered by Rwanda on behalf of the 47 member states of the Africa Region.
2. We take note of the Report by the Director General which presents an update on the work of the Secretariat on the standardisation of the nomenclature of medical devices.
3. Kenya also appreciates the framework for structured consultations between WHO and Member States in the region, under the umbrella of the African Medicines Regulation Harmonization framework of the African Union. As Chair of the African Medical Devices Forum (AMDF), Kenya was pleased to engage in these discussions and is ready to support the process through international exchange, peer to peer learning, and sharing of best practices
4. Moving forward, considerations for a nomenclature system whose governance structure, access to information by all including LMICs and transparency should continue to guide the consensus building process of the ongoing mapping exercise. In so doing, the aim of making available a WHO Medical Devices information system as a nomenclature reference tool will become useful for Member States.
5. **Regarding Agenda 21.1** on the Global Strategy and plan of action in public health, innovation and intellectual property for the period 2008-2022, Kenya points out the urgent to review current Intellectual Property restrictions on access to medical products, including the use of the TRIPS flexibilities to promote public health, particularly to incorporate the lessons learnt from the Covid-19 pandemic.
6. We therefore take note of the draft decision proposed under this agenda item and support extension of the time frame of the action beyond 2022 to allow comprehensive implementation of the recommendations made to Member States.

I thank you