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EU Statement

Chair,

Director-General,

Excellencies,

Colleagues,

This statement is made on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

The candidate countries North Macedonia, Montenegro, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina* and the EFTA country Norway align themselves with this statement.

The EU and its Member States thank the Director-General and the Secretariat for the report EB152/11 and for the excellent and hard work done by our colleagues in the involved WHO departments and units in this context, such as

- the **update of the Global atlas of medical devices** as well as of
- the **Global model regulatory framework**,
- the successful selection of a **provider to provide mapping of medical devices nomenclature data** for integration into WHO platforms,
- the recently performed **update of MEDEVIS** and finally
- the **establishment of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Medical Devices**.

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

We welcome the **continuation of the mapping** between the relevant nomenclature systems as well as the **planned conclusion of memoranda of understanding** with the holders of the nomenclature systems EMDN, GMDN, UMDNS and UNSPS.

The European Union and its Member States further recall that the **EMDN is a clear, transparent, free nomenclature** that is **available to all States** and which **meets the criteria for global public goods**.

Looking ahead to the next steps to take, we **invite** the Secretariat to **specify its timeline** as to the **different deliverables** in this field and to make this information available to the Member States.

Finally, we **urge** the Director-General to **allocate sufficient resources** to the services assigned with these challenging tasks in order to **ensure a timely and smooth implementation** and to guarantee sustainability for the following years.