

Honourable chair,

Bulgaria takes note of the Director General's report on Primary healthcare.

We express our general support for strengthening primary health care, as it plays a key role in managing and coordinating activities related to building skills for healthy lifestyles, prevention, including vaccination, screening and early diagnosis, timely treatment and monitoring of patients' condition, and rational prescription of medicines. The COVID-19 epidemic has shown that primary care also plays a key role in activities related to the prevention of epidemics and other serious threats to public health.

*Our stance on the guiding questions is as follows:*

Question 1. The WHO could provide a benchmarking of the lessons learned and good practices across Member States in key areas such as quality assurance, AI in medicine, retaining human resources in health, effective financial management, etc.

Question 2. Additional support could be provided in the form of:

- conducting courses, webinars, seminars, etc. to provide up-to-date knowledge in PHC;
- designing approaches for human resources development;
- shaping approaches for addressing gaps in the quality of medical care and patient safety.

Question 3. To ensure the effective exchange of knowledge and experience on primary healthcare, WHO could provide good practices from countries – online and on-site.

Thank you!