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Intervention by India

Agenda Item 13: Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

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Thank you chair,

We welcome the report's emphasis on strengthening implementation and monitoring of the Code, improving workforce data and transparency, and promoting international cooperation through bilateral and multilateral agreements aligned with the Code.

As one of the world's largest producers of health workers, India approaches international recruitment with a strong commitment to ethical practices, equity, and sustainability.

Chair

India recognizes the continued relevance of the Code, particularly in light of global health workforce shortages and increasing international mobility of health professionals.

We particularly underscore the importance of safeguarding health systems in vulnerable and low- and middle-income countries, while avoiding unintended adverse impacts arising from active recruitment.

India also emphasizes the need to balance the right of health workers to mobility with the imperative of protecting and sustaining health systems in source countries.

Thank you!