

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
ON
AGENDA ITEM 12. WHO GLOBAL CODE OF PRACTICE ON THE INTERNATIONAL
RECRUITMENT OF HEALTH PERSONNEL
OF THE SEVENTY THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (RESUMED SESSION)
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Thank you Chair.

Indonesia appreciates the hard work of the WHO Secretariat along with the group of experts in developing the report on the relevance and effectiveness of the Code. Indonesia is one of the member states that has already appointed a designated national authority and has regularly reported on the implementation of the Code since 2012.

Yet, we note with concern that the Code has also been used against Indonesia by some destination countries to restrict the active recruitment of Indonesian health workers in reference to the list of countries with a critical shortage of health workers as described in the 2006 World Health Report. We would like to note that this list is now outdated.

At the same time, Indonesia commends the Report which shifts the focus towards strengthening the implementation of the Code and providing support for countries in improving the universal health coverage service index and the density of health workers.

Furthermore, Indonesia recognizes the importance of the Code in managing the international migration of health workers, which continues to be relevant in addressing present challenges on health systems globally. In this regard, the implementation of the Code needs to be fully supported.

With the steady improvement of the national health workforce situation, Indonesia is fully committed to promote the implementation of the Code as a policy instrument to strengthen its national health system and to apply the ethical practices of international migration.

As part of the improvement of the new online reporting application of the Code, Indonesia further requests the WHO to work with member states in strengthening their information systems and in promoting an updated data-sharing on the health workforce.

Therefore, Indonesia welcomes the report prepared by the Secretariat and the following-up of the recommendations of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

Indonesia also support the adoption of the Draft Decision on Human Resources for Health.

I thank you.