DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
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Item 15: Health workforce

Working for health: five-year action plan for health employment and inclusive economic growth (2017–2021)

Thank you Moderator,

Madam Chair,

Rational building and managing the health workforce is one of the core and essential components for delivering Primary Health Care and Universal Health Coverage.

In DPRK, health care providers are working in high respect and public love as designers of human being’s life, and it is an honor to be a health care provider.

DPRK has made a lot of achievements in implementing the national strategy and staged goals for sustained development of quality and scope of Universal Health Coverage totally dependent upon its own health workforces.

We have increased the number of medical service providers to more than 33 persons per 10,000 population, and gradually raised the total number of household doctors, while one household doctor takes care of family members of 130 households.

Medical education in all medical universities is being modernized as per international standards, and the medical care providers in services are receiving re-education regularly so as to improve the quality of medical services.

Nowadays, the active transfer of global up-to-date medical science and technology is taking place during the in-service trainings by using teleconference system.
Madam Chair,

We believe that every Member State should try to protect its health workforces and increase the investment for its sustained development in collaboration with WHO.

In particular, much more expenditure and attention on education for Primary Health Care providers need to be made to build the robust human resources.

In conclusion, the DPRK will continue to contribute to achieving the Global Health Workforces Strategy by increasing the development and investment on national health workforces in a planned manner.

Thank you.