Statement the Delegation of the Republic Indonesia
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Thank you, Chair.

Indonesia aligns with the statement made by Costa Rica on CTAP.

The review panel of the GSPOA-PHI has highlighted the importance of promoting and strengthening regional and national production capacity of medicines and other health technologies.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has further crystalized the critical need for rapid access to affordable and quality medical and technological countermeasures

The reliance on a handful of manufacturers for critically needed medical products has prevented the much-needed supply, and negatively affecting low- and middle-income countries the most.

In this regard we co-sponsor and strongly support the draft resolution on strengthening local production of medicines and other health technologies.

We also welcome the various initiative in facilitating local manufacturing such as the manufacturing taskforce, CTAP, and Tech Transfer Hub as well as the upcoming World Local Production Forum as a mean to provide robust discussion and concrete implementation in line with the recommendation of the GSPOA-PHI.

Chair,

As a member of the Steering Committee of the Member State Mechanism (MSM) on Substandard and Falsified Medical Products (SFMP), Indonesia has been actively taken steps to battle the distribution of SFMP.

This is to further ensure the quality and safety of medical products.

This is key, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have to increase awareness of COVID-19 vaccines falsification risk, as well as strengthening the track and trace systems.

We have also equipped COVID-19 vaccines with a 2D Barcode to monitor its distribution.

Further, Indonesia has established regulations for the internet sales of medical products, particularly to monitor and control the distribution of COVID-19 related products via the internet.

Indonesia also commits to being actively involved in Pangea XIV to combat the sales of illicit medicines and medical products with COVID-19 tools.

On medical devices, Indonesia has developed and implemented its nomenclature for medical devices in reference to the Global Medical Devices Nomenclature with some adjustment for harmonization with the ASEAN Medical Devices Directive.

Indonesia acknowledges the importance of global harmonization and standardization of medical devices nomenclature, but various systems utilized by member states must also be considered.

Therefore, Indonesia supports the effort by the Secretariat to keep member states updated on any related developments in this regard.

I thank you.