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Agenda	13.6	Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030
	13.7	Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

The Philippines supports the continued development of the global road map to defeat meningitis to reduce cases for vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis, improve disability, and eliminate epidemics for reporting at the 2025 World Health Assembly. We believe that it is important for WHO to explore how strategies can integrate guidance across all elimination efforts to aid in local implementation - recognizing similarities in interventions such as immunization, surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases, and health emergency response. Moreover, elimination efforts and guidance should explicitly include alignment with universal health care health systems strengthening and life course approach in service delivery integration.

On medical devices, the Philippines continues to support the goal to create a standardized international classification, coding and nomenclature for medical devices that would be available to all Member States. We hope this initiative will not stop at standardization and will enable development of tangible interventions for all Member States, especially Low and Middle Income Countries, that will ensure affordability and access to essential medical devices at community primary care and at specialty service in hospitals as part of routine standard of health care delivery.

The Philippines is in the process of developing an Essential Medical Device List and frameworks for pricing policies targeted towards devices necessary for the preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, or rehabilitative procedures carried out in government health facilities. The ongoing technical guidance of the WHO will be crucial in its development phase. The Secretariat should ensure continued exchange of information on its work in this area, and organize consultations with Member States and related stakeholders. We look forward to the progress report made on the steps towards the standardization of medical devices nomenclature.**END**