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Agenda	22.3	Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHO Global Action Plan on Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants, 2019–2023• WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014–2023

Requested Action: The Health Assembly is invited to note the report and consider a draft resolution contained in decision EB152(18)

Thank you, Chair.

The Philippines welcomes the Secretariat's reports on the progress achieved in implementing the Global Action Plan on Promoting Refugee and Migrant Health 2019–2023 and the Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014–2023.

In line with the Philippines' strategic priorities in advancing Universal Health Care, we are committed to promoting and integrating migrant health and traditional and complementary medicine services into the healthcare service delivery system. We have always stood shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow Member States championing initiatives on migrant health, including the support for WHO Resolution 70.15 and the extension of the WHO Global Action Plan on Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants .

The Philippines' Health and Migration Program is our contribution to the WHO's global leadership in health and migration. We shall be vigilant for the negotiations on a global accord on pandemic preparedness, prevention and response and the recovery of health systems.

Meanwhile, the Herbal Medicine Access Program, launched by the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care, promotes universal healthcare coverage by integrating traditional and complementary medicine services at the primary level.

Echoing the call to enhance action-oriented knowledge generation in these two global strategies, we are aligning the Philippine Migrant Health Research Agenda to the Global Research Agenda on Health of Migrants. We shall also contribute through the National Integrated Research Program on Medicines for evidence-based herbal medicine development.

We underscore the need for more collaboration and long-term vision as we advance these global strategies. It is imperative to provide continuous comprehensive technical support to Member States to harness their full potential and ensure sustainability. We remain committed to continuing and sustaining work in advancing migrant health and traditional and complementary medicine as we synergize to fulfill the ambitions and aspirations of Universal Health Care.

Thank you.**END**