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The Philippines aligns with the joint statement delivered by Morocco.

As host of the 2nd Expert Advisory Group Meeting on the Code, we appreciate the Interim Report, recognizing the Code's relevance as a global imperative in addressing workforce shortages and disparities. We encourage the integration of Code reviews into regional agendas.

We urge Member States to take immediate action to strengthen our global health workforce, and highlight the need to guarantee their welfare through institutional support and protection against violence and discrimination. Strengthening health worker data, bolstering bilateral negotiations, and advocating for sustained investment in education and training are vital for strong health systems, health security, and universal health coverage.

We call for the safeguarding of migrant health workers' rights, and strongly urge co-investments and partnerships to foster equitable solutions, ensuring economic gains from health workforce migration are appropriately and fairly invested into health systems.

The Philippines is dedicated to leading multilateral efforts and advancing equitable solutions for workforce strengthening, retention, welfare, and investment. We remain committed to global collaboration for a resilient, sustainable, and equitable health workforce.