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The Philippines supports the adoption of the Decision on the WHO Draft Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034. We acknowledge the critical need for robust, evidence-based research to inform practices and policies that ensure safety, efficacy, and accessibility.

The global strategy is essential in intensifying research efforts to systematically document traditional practices, identify gaps, and develop a solid foundation of evidence, which would enhance the credibility and acceptance of traditional medicine.

We advocate for the establishment of dedicated courses in traditional medicine to cultivate homegrown expertise and ensure a steady pipeline of competent practitioners. It is also equally important to institutionalize regulatory processes to establish clear standards, protect consumers, and facilitate the responsible integration of traditional medicine into national health systems.

The Philippines remains committed to the preservation of cultural heritage, validating traditional practices, and contributing to the WHO's vision of a healthcare system that seamlessly integrates traditional and modern medicine for the benefit of all.