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**Standardisation of Medical Device Nomenclature**  
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- 1. Chairperson, The URT** acknowledges WHO's efforts in integrating GMDN and EMDN into Medical Devices Information System (MeDevIS) and the electronic platform of the WHO Model List of Essential In Vitro Diagnostics (eEDL), supporting global harmonization of medical device nomenclature. As a country utilizing GMDN, we welcome its inclusion and urge further expansion of open-access provisions to enhance usability for low- and middle-income countries (LMIC).
- 2. Chairperson, The URT** wishes to recommend on maintaining both GMDN and EMDN within WHO platforms, with improved cross-referencing to facilitate interoperability. WHO's technical support for capacity building, including training and integration of MeDevIS and eEDL into national systems, because they are crucial for effective implementation. We urge the WHO to priorities the following:
  - i. Expanding priority medical device lists to address LMIC-specific diseases.
  - ii. Linking nomenclature to Harmonized System codes for streamlined trade.
  - iii. Regularly updating and evaluating MeDevIS and eEDL for enhanced functionality.
  - iv. Capacity-building initiatives and technical support for integrating MeDevIS and eEDL into National systems.
  - v. Assistance in mapping existing national nomenclature systems (GMDN currently practices) to WHO-supported databases.
- 3. In conclusion, Chairperson, The URT** is looking forward to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices and reiterate its commitment to harmonization towards ensuring safe and effective access to medical devices globally.

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