

79th World Health Assembly
Item 12.4: Universal Health Coverage

National statement - Italy

Chair,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

Cognizant of the Executive Board's decision to defer consideration of the proposed global strategy on donation and transplantation to the 2027 World Health Assembly, we would like to renew our interest in the said Strategy.

The Strategy will be an essential tool to address current and future challenges in transplantation at global level, in a coordinated and systematic manner. It is crucial to ensure, in all WHO Regions, high standards of quality and safety for organs, cells, and tissues intended for transplantation, in full respect of shared ethical principles, traceability, biovigilance, and the protection of donors and recipients: a global Strategy represents a fundamental tool to reduce inequalities, strengthen national systems, promote equitable access to life-saving care and uphold the implementation of WHO principles for donation and transplantation of human-derived products.

Italy remains available to contribute to the development and implementation of this Strategy, including through its National Transplantation Center.

On rare diseases: Italy strongly supports the development of a WHO Action Plan and stands ready to offer its consolidated expertise coming from the implementation of the corresponding national plan, and from the delivery of Universal Newborn Screenings.

Finally, Italy is very pleased to co-sponsor the Resolution "Precision medicine: a path towards targeted, personalized and equitable care".

Thank you Chair.

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