

Statement of the Slovak Republic
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Dear Mr. Chair,

In the context of demographic developments, including population ageing and the rising prevalence of chronic conditions, the Slovak Republic considers rehabilitative care to be an increasingly important component of a modern and resilient healthcare system. Rehabilitation services form an integral part of the framework of Universal Health Coverage and contribute significantly to ensuring continuity, accessibility, quality, and long-term sustainability of healthcare provision.

In response to the growing demand for post-acute and long-term care services, the Slovak Republic is undertaking a range of measures aimed at establishing appropriate and sustainable financing mechanisms, while further strengthening the collection, reporting, and evaluation of relevant medical and economic data within the post-acute care sector. Particular attention is being devoted to the role of rehabilitative care and its effective integration into broader healthcare pathways.

Within this process, the Slovak republic is focusing on the gradual development of incentive-based reimbursement models designed to support the provision of high-quality, patient-centred post-acute and rehabilitative care. In pursuing these objectives, the Slovak Republic follows international developments and draws inspiration from examples of good practice implemented in several partner countries, including Switzerland and Australia, where comprehensive classification systems and advanced financing mechanisms for rehabilitative care have been introduced.

The preparation and implementation of these reforms are being carried out in close dialogue with medical experts, healthcare providers, health insurance institutions, patient organisations, and other relevant stakeholders. The Slovak Republic remains committed to an inclusive, transparent, and evidence-based approach aimed at further strengthening the resilience, efficiency, and quality of its healthcare system.