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Statement by Sri Lanka

Agenda Item 13: Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Sri Lanka welcomes the report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel presented by the Director General.

Sri Lanka, which provides free education and free health services for all its citizens, concerned on the high mobility of health professionals abroad. It affects the country in providing better health services to its people, especially during emergency periods. Further, we have had to bear significant financial losses after investing in producing our own health professionals.

Sri Lanka emphasizes that the establishment of co-investment in health workforce development and health system in the source country is essential in order to support health sustainability in both source and destination countries.

Sri Lanka calls for effective and invigorated implementation of the WHO code for international recruitment of health personnel for safeguarding the global health security.

Thank you