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The WHO Strategy on Research for Health.

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Established in 1949, IPSF is the leading international advocacy organisation for pharmacy and pharmaceutical science students and recent graduates that promotes improved public health through the provision of information, education, networking, and a range of publications and professional activities.

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IPSF Policy Statement on WHO Strategy on Research for Health.

Honourable Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

It is a great honour to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) which represents the voice of over 350,000 pharmaceutical students and recent graduates from 92 countries worldwide.

IPSF has been advocating for the involvement of pharmacists in efficient research that is conducted in a capacity building manner. We commend WHO and Member States for making progress while optimally exploiting research with limited resources and for following multiple goals in order to assess the needs, barriers and challenges in diverse settings. IPSF notes that new scientific publications are increasing; however, a limited proportion of these articles report studies from low- and middle-income countries, where most preventable deaths occur. By implementing the WHO Strategy on Research for Health, these gaps will decrease, creating more opportunities for research.

Recognising research as a top interest for pharmacy students and graduates, IPSF created the "Young Researchers' Forum", an initiative meant to gather young pharmacists interested in research and to connect with other global researchers. The Forum serves as a platform for early career researchers to ask questions, share their work and offer advice. In addition, IPSF's Student Exchange Programme provides an opportunity for students to join research institutes in another country and expand their research scope.

The role of pharmacists in healthcare development is indispensable, having a direct and pivotal role in pharmaceutical research and development. IPSF calls for:

1. Increased support of each Member State's research agenda and for broader connections between countries so as to achieve better results and networks;
2. Member States to make data readily available and easily accessible for researchers and students;
3. Promotion of research in the academia environment; and for
4. Creation of more opportunities for involvement of young pharmacist researchers.

Thank you for your consideration.