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Agenda item 13 - Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034

statement by Sri Lanka

Thank you chair,

Sri Lanka welcomes the report by the Director General on the draft global traditional medicine strategy 2025-2034.

Sri Lanka appreciates the WHO, particularly the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine units for their role and tireless efforts in preparing the draft Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034 and commends India's leadership for bringing together the Global Friends of Traditional Medicine for convergence of ideas on this important area.

Sri Lanka is committed to promoting traditional medicine through the national traditional medicine policy Sri Lanka 2024-2034 which was launched in August 2024 and recognizes the policy thrust areas; Providing quality service delivery, Management of resources, Strong collaboration, Increasing the economic value of traditional Medicine, Protect the traditional inheritance of Indigenous and other communities, Large scale cultivation of medicinal plants for commercial use, and Manufacturing of traditional medicine products.

Sri Lanka is dedicated to improve the quality and safety of traditional medicine through its regulatory framework and safety monitoring system which is aligned with the Global strategic directions.

Chair,

Sri Lanka welcomes the WHO's Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034 and hopes that it will be endorsed by the Executive Board.

Further, Sri Lanka looks forward to engaging with WHO on potential assistance including through the Global Traditional Medicine in promoting the Global Traditional Medicine Strategy and capacity-building efforts.

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