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WONCA, representing over half a million family doctors worldwide, welcomes the report on primary healthcare. Family doctors see daily that strong PHC enables earlier access to care, equity, and more resilient systems in routine times and crises.

In line with the proposed resolution, WONCA highlights three priorities for implementation:

First, investment must reach the frontline—family doctors, nurses, community health workers, and multidisciplinary teams—through sustainable financing and safe working conditions.

Second, as digital health expands, continuity and person-centered care must be protected. Technology should strengthen relationships, not replace them.

Third, meaningful engagement of family doctors and communities is essential to drive implementation, trust, and accountability.

WONCA stands ready to work with WHO and Member States to implement this report and strengthen community-based primary care, leaving no one behind.

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