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*Members of the Essential Medicines for Children Committee
World Health Organization
Avenue Appia 20
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Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) I fully support the inclusion of Methylphenidate (MPH) in the WHO's Model List of Essential Medications.

MPH has been used for decades in the treatment of ADHD and has been proven to be safe and highly effective. We support the inclusion of MPH in the WHO's Model List of Essential Medications which will drastically improve access to MPH in developing and underserved countries for individuals with ADHD.

Worldwide, it is estimated that 7.2% of children and 3.4% of adults have ADHD. Without proper diagnosis and treatment, ADHD can have potentially devastating consequences, including school failure, family stress and disruption, depression, relationship issues, substance abuse, accidental injuries, job failure, legal difficulties, reduced life expectancy, and more. ADHD is highly manageable with an individualized, multimodal treatment approach that can include behavioral interventions, parent and patient training, educational support, and medication.

Founded in 1987, CHADD empowers people affected by ADHD by providing evidence-based information, supporting individuals, their families, and professionals who assist them throughout their journeys; and advocating for equity, inclusion, and universal rights. CHADD has more than 4700 members comprised of medical and mental health professionals in the field of ADHD, as well as adults, parents, educators and other professionals. CHADD's website receives more than 7.7 million pageviews and over 3.7 million active users. CHADD's National Resource Center on ADHD responds to more than 2500 calls and email inquiries a year from individuals looking for evidence-based ADHD health information.

Sincerely,

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