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To World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines

Re: Application reference "A.19 Methylphenidate – attention deficit hyperactivity disorder"

To Whom It May Concern :

The World Psychiatric Association (WPA) – Child Adolescent Section strongly supports the inclusion of methylphenidate in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines and the corresponding application "**A.19 Methylphenidate – attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.**"

With members representing at least 17 countries, the Section engages quarterly in online discussions and has been responsible for several activities in the field of global child and adolescent mental health within the scope of the WPA.

In our last meeting, this theme was discussed, and our preparation of this letter of support was approved, reflecting the consensus that access to better mental healthcare for all countries is crucial to the development of nations.

We take the opportunity to advocate for initiatives that foster the development and implementation of child and adolescent mental health – including training of all professionals involved in the field.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

With best regards, and very respectfully submitted,

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