## Survey – Questions for UN Organizations

As mandated by WHA74 and for input towards EB 150.  
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WHO thanks you very much for your participation in the meeting to discuss the standardization of medical devices nomenclature, as mandated by WHA74.

Please find below the survey for the UN Organizations, as mentioned during our meeting. Please provide all the evidence required for every statement provided (for example, website screenshots, links to your website or attach the documents required).

1. Is your organization currently using one or more Medical Device Nomenclature? If yes, please indicate: NO  
   a. which one(s) do you use?  
      - EMDN  
      - GMDN  
      - UMDNS  
      - UNSPSC  
   Other, specify:  
   Developed by your own: Yes: , No:  

   b. In which language(s) is your nomenclature available?  
      - English  
      - Spanish  
      - French  
      - Russian  
      - Chinese  
      - Arabic  

   c. Please provide a copy of your license agreement including any subscription or other costs associated with the use of your nomenclature  

   d. Is the subscription free? For each level and in what conditions?
e. What are the limitation(s) of the nomenclature(s) used?

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2. Does your organization see the need of using a standardized nomenclature? Please elaborate.

Yes – even though Unitaid does not procure devices directly, standardized nomenclature would support speeding up our approval time

3. Please describe the reasons your Agency uses the Nomenclature
a. Planning and evaluation
b. Budget and financing
c. Procurement
   Y – through implementation partners
d. Maintenance (CMMS)
e. Medical Technologies quality assurance and surveillance
f. Medical Technologies Assessment
g. Complete follow up to supply chain for medical devices
h. Other (specify):

4. Please describe how codes / nomenclature are used by your final users (beneficiaries)?

To support procurement approvals (and referencing pricings etc across catalogues)

5. How do you reconcile when your final users use different nomenclature than your UN Agency, is using?

There is a lot of back and forth via email to get to the same point of understanding

6. Do you map nomenclatures? If yes, how do you map them?
7. **For UNDP (only):** How do you structure the “United Nations Standard Product and Services Codes (UNSPSC)” for medical devices? Can you describe the methodology to assign codes, terms, definitions, and hierarchy? Please provide examples.

8. **For UNDP (only):** Please describe your relationship with GS1 in developing and maintaining the UNSPSC.

9. According to your experience with Health Technology Providers, do they use their own nomenclature? If yes, do you map UNSPSC to the nomenclature used by the Health Technology Provider? How do you map them?

10. According to your experience with final users (beneficiaries), if the receipt country has not developed their own nomenclature or adopted an international relevant nomenclature (EMDN, GMDN, UMDNS, for example), what is the methodology to implement UNSPSC with final users (beneficiaries)?

    Distribution for the most part happens without implementing a standard form of nomenclature with final users.

11. Have you had any experience working with Unique Device Identifiers? If so, please describe any nomenclature-related work in this area.

Please kindly fill the survey and send to [medicaldevices@who.int](mailto:medicaldevices@who.int) before 26th August,

Many thanks