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Intervention by the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)

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WONCA, the World Organization of Family Doctors, a non-state actor in official relations with WHO, speaks through its Asia Pacific Region and endorses the draft *Regional Plan to Accelerate Immunization Progress in the Western Pacific*.

DTP3 coverage has fallen from 94 to 89 percent. Nearly 1.7 million children are zero-dose. Nine countries have yet to achieve measles elimination. The Plan rightly says these gaps will close through transformative primary health care. Family doctors, working with nurses, midwives and community health workers, deliver that care. We know our patients by name, follow families across the life course, and hold the individual-level records the Plan calls for.

WONCA brings a commitment and two requests.

First, WONCA commits the following. With member organizations in 12 Member States across the Western Pacific, we will work to build immunization and vaccine-confidence competencies into family medicine training and continuing education, building on existing WHO resources. We will also share what clinicians hear from families with national programs, through agreed and confidential channels. Clinics reach only those already connected, so we will work with community health workers and local partners to reach those who are not.

Second, WONCA urges Member States to include primary care and family medicine in their national immunization technical advisory groups, and to protect primary health care financing that covers immunization.

Third, WONCA calls on WPRO to include primary care in the transformed RITAG, and in zero-dose and catch-up microplanning, especially for Pacific island and remote communities.

Primary care is how this Plan reaches every child, every family at every stage. Thank you.