

**Statement by Medicus Mundi International to the 136th session of the Executive Board on agenda item 10.2 WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.**

Thank you, Chair, for giving me the opportunity to address the distinguished members of the Executive Board on behalf of Medicus Mundi International, the European civil society coalition “Health workers for all and all for health workers” and the People’s Health Movement.

*We welcome the review of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel by an expert advisory group (EAG).*

*We note the proposed membership structure of the expert advisory group. We expect an appropriate representation of civil society either through the WHO Regions, the WHO secretariat or GHWA.*

*We note that the report of the EAG is scheduled for distribution prior to the WHA from 18-26 May 2015 meaning it is unlikely to meet before March. The narrow timelines will make it difficult to fully discharge its terms of reference, particularly since it will rely in large part on the series of papers, which are not scheduled for publication until April 2015.*

*We recommend MS consider rescheduling the commitment to report to WHA69 (2016). This would allow more time available for a proper process, including full consideration of the information gathered through the second round of national reporting (due in 2015) and would align more closely the processes of Code review and the development of the global HRH strategy.*

*We recommend the secretariat to instruct MS to make the NRI reports publicly available; we believe that transparent release of National Reports contents is an essential requirement to maintain and increase both the accountability of Member States and the commitment of civil society at the national level.*

*We hope that the EAG will give consideration to whether the regional and country offices of WHO could do more to promote the implementation of the Code including investing in developing the necessary capacity in African and Asian member states to undertake the necessary actions regarding the code, including exploring feasibility of compensation to sending countries. Therefore we urge the EAG involve the regional offices and seek input from MSs and civil society at the regional level.*

*Thank you.*

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