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13.4 Evaluation and Review of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property

**World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) speaking note:**

*We acknowledge the contribution of indigenous peoples and other marginalized groups and the injustices committed against them throughout the world and the impact on their health and well-being and we pay respect to their elders past and present.*

Chairperson, Excellences, and Distinguished Colleagues,

The WFPHA is an NGO composed of multidisciplinary national public health associations that this year is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bringing together public health associations globally to advocate for better public health.

We believe that health systems and public health functions should be treated as global public goods; this goal is to be achieved through political, social, environmental and economic change across all sectors for better and more sustainable health.

We build our vision for a healthier world on Protection, Prevention and Health Promotion as set out in the WFPHA's *A Global Charter for the Public's Health*, developed in collaboration with WHO, and in the context of the UN SDGs.

We work with public health professionals and those organizations that represent them to reorient systems and strengthen ties for better health outcomes for all and to improve and sustain planetary health.

We strive ourselves, and encourage others, to fully apply the mechanisms available to government, industry, private enterprise, academia and civil society to protect the public's health, embrace prevention and promote health and wellbeing. We endeavor to make full use of social innovation and interactive technologies to encourage and support governments, civil society, academia and corporates to promote equity and social inclusion and to protect the health of our planet as fundamental to human health. These goals may be achieved by harnessing the knowledge, skills and priorities of our diverse populations through strong community engagement.

We call on all governments to enable professionals from all sectors that influence public health and their organizations to carry out their work to immediately develop further public health functions and quality health systems as global public resources.

We call on you to hold all sectors accountable for the health impacts of their policies and actions, consistent with the intent of the social determinants of health and their responsibilities to strive to achieve the SDGs.

Thank you!