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FDI statement on Item 5.1 Proposed programme budget 2020-2021 (EB144/7)

FDI World Dental Federation is the official representative body of over one million dentists worldwide.

We congratulate WHO for setting two oral health indicators in the WHO Impact Framework for measuring the GPW 13 target on achieving UHC. This is a tremendous step forward in recognizing that oral health is an integral part of general health and UHC.

However, no budget has been allocated towards the two oral health indicators outlined in Annex 1. We therefore request the Secretariat to address this. Without a budget to support the monitoring of these indicators, we are extremely concerned that the monitoring will not be effectively implemented.

We welcome the Secretariat's recommendation in Clause 5(a) for Member States to monitor additional indicators. Specifically, we call for Member States to go beyond the two oral health indicators that focus on dental caries among 5 to 19-year olds and edentulism among 65+ year olds. FDI offers its assistance to WHO and Member States in order to do this.

FDI is working on a number of resources to bridge the oral health data gap which Member States can adapt to their country situation. FDI's Oral Health Observatory (OHO) has developed a mobile app that analyzes the oral healthcare needs of patients and dental practitioners at the national level. By answering a series of questions, the app allows patients and dentists to submit data about oral health status, quality of life, health habits and other health determinants. Last year, national dental associations in 13 countries participated in the OHO and we are currently collecting the data. Additionally, FDI is also finalizing a set of adult oral health measures co-developed with the International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement. We look forward to sharing these tools and data with Members and WHO in the coming months.