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Meeting: 75<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly

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(c): Draft global strategy on oral health

IADR Statement:

The Mission of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) is to drive dental, oral and craniofacial research for health and well-being worldwide and we applaud the Draft Global Strategy on Oral Health. IADR is pleased that the revised draft strategy has addressed community water fluoridation as an essential prevention method, referred to the phase *down* of dental amalgam, emphasized the need for curricula and training programs that adequately prepare health workers to respond to the public health aspects of oral health, and called for the creation and implementation of new oral health research agendas that are oriented towards public health programs and population-based interventions.

The IADR continues to be strongly supportive of the strategy but asks for the following considerations:

- Paragraph 12 correctly notes human papillomavirus (HPV) as a risk factor for oropharyngeal cancers, yet there is no further mention of a strategy to mitigate this risk factor. A vaccination strategy of girls *and* boys within the global oral health strategy will reduce oropharyngeal cancers and also compliment the global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer.
- Paragraph 50 notes the consideration of the classification of noma within the road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030. The inclusion of noma in the global strategy's oral health research agenda will improve understanding of the disease and define interventions that can integrate noma into the global oral health strategy.
- Finally, IADR would like to emphasize that the oral health strategy must be firmly integrated into the implementation of the global action plan for NCD prevention and control and with efforts to advance primary health care and UHC.

Thank you.

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- An HPV vaccination strategy of girls *and* boys within the global oral health strategy that will reduce oropharyngeal cancers.
- The inclusion of noma in the global strategy's oral health research agenda to improve understanding of the disease and define interventions that can integrate noma into the global oral health strategy..
- The integration of the oral health strategy into the implementation of the global action plan for NCD prevention and control and with efforts to advance primary health care and UHC.

Thank you.

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