

**71 session of the EMR Regional Committee**  
**Regional Flagship Initiative 1**

**Statement of I.R. Iran on:**

**“Improving access to affordable medical commodities/ securing equitable supply chain”**

**Monday 14 Oct**

**Session 2**

**10:30 – 11:30**

**Dear chairperson Distinguished Delegates**

Let me to acknowledge and appreciate RD’s initiative on selecting very high priority three flagships. The first flagship covers wide-ranging goals and strategic objectives that will have positive impact on health equity in general and access to medicines and medical products in specific.

Considering the importance of the selected flagship, we retreat our commitment and highlight following suggestions for your kind consideration:

1. According to the first specific objectives addressing equity in accessibility and affordability to supply chain, the Member States may guarantee access to minimum infrastructure and high level sustained political commitment ensuring operationalization of the 1<sup>st</sup> objective.
2. GPW14 has given priority to access to medical commodities, therefore international forums and all UN agencies should support RD’s priority in their action plans and strategies.
3. Countries may be assisted to operationalize all set 4 strategic objectives based on their health system infrastructure, capacities and priorities. In this regard, we highly recommend countries coordination and collaboration on transfer of technology for local production of essential medicines and vaccines.
4. WHO may continue its support for strengthening/ or establishing production infrastructure where is needed.
5. We strongly support regional polled procurement mechanism for certain medicines/ vaccines and other commodities when and where is needed.

**Thank you very much for your kind attention**