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**Box 1 Conclusions from National Stakeholders' Conference for the National Vision for Surgical Care 2018**

- Stakeholders are engaged with the need for emergency and essential surgical care as a component of universal health coverage
  - Consensus was reached to create the National Vision for Surgical Care 2025 document that outlines the national plan for strengthening the surgical system.
  - The federal government committed to liaise with the provincial governments to guide the provinces in implementing the recommendations of the National Vision for Surgical Care 2025.
  - Each province committed to include and prioritize surgical, anaesthesia and obstetric care in their strategic plans in alignment with the national vision.
  - Nongovernmental organizations, professional health care societies and academic partners committed to support the process by providing advocacy and technical expertise.
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