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VdGM's response to Astana declaration

VdGM is the European Young Doctors' Movement of WONCA, the World Organisation of Family Doctors. We promote the discipline of Family Medicine and the European voice of the New and Future General Practitioners / Family Physicians (NFGP/FPs). We believe that NFGP/FPs have a valuable contribution to make in achieving equitable health for all.

Therefore, we welcome the Astana Declaration's affirmation of the key role of primary health care within effective health care systems in securing Health for All.

We are concerned that the lack of the definition of primary health care professionals may hinder the practical application of the declaration's commitment. Whilst recognising the diversity of primary health care teams composition globally, multidisciplinary teamwork within the primary health care team is an essential component for achieving sustainable goals. Failing to cite those key actors in primary health care is a missed opportunity to deliver a strong message highlighting the value of interdisciplinary working within primary health care and thus the need for governments to invest in training and retention across disciplines.

Nevertheless, we welcome the recent the Memorandum of Understanding between WONCA and WHO as a major breakthrough in uniting our efforts to tackle the challenges we will face together in achieving equitable Health for All.

The *Primary Health Care (PHC) Young Leaders Network* is a step forward. These young professionals are not only future leaders, but many are already innovating and leading within Primary Health Care in their own countries and beyond. The work and advice of this group must be at the forefront of this crucial phase of implementation at both national and international levels.

The sustainable objectives set by the declaration are now conditional on implementation in the signatory countries. Young European PHC professionals, including young and future European GPs/FPs, will ensure that these commitments are implemented such that 2030 is not another anniversary celebrating the failure to achieve equitable and accessible Health for All.

Young physicians are both reservoirs of expertise and vectors for the implementation of projects. They should be considered as the drivers of decisions shaping the health systems in which they will be the main actors, now and in the future.

New and Future General Practitioners and Family Physicians are ready to play an integral role in the work to achieve the sustainable objectives set by the declaration.

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