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### Provisional agenda item 19. Social determinants of health

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FDI and IADR welcome the report on the social determinants of health equity and support the report's recommendations, especially those promoting equitable access to care.

Oral diseases affect 3.5 billion people and are affected by the same commercial and social determinants as other major NCDs. Also, out-of-pocket costs are major barriers to accessing oral healthcare, and often place undue financial hardship on households.

We urge Member States to:

1. Ensure equitable access to a continuum of quality oral health services across the life course including by strengthening primary healthcare, as outlined in the Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023-2030).
2. Protect populations from the risk of poverty exacerbated by out-of-pocket expenditure on oral healthcare.
3. Ensure adequate research infrastructure to support disaggregated data to measure progress on the commercial and social determinants of oral health and NCDs.

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