WHA77 – IADR Statement on Item 11.1 Universal Health Coverage

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(6)

Agenda item 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research, representing over 10,000 researchers worldwide with support from FDI urges governments to:

- invest in the prevention and control of NCDs that is inclusive of oral health and oral health research through adequate and sustained resources.
- prioritize access to national UHC benefit packages that incorporate essential and quality oral health services at the primary care level, and
- include oral health in national health surveillance by fully implementing the Global Oral Health Action Plan and a 3-year response frequency of its monitoring framework report.

Progress towards SDG target 3 remain off track therefore universal health coverage must be inclusive of oral health as health systems without oral health fail on the health system performance dimensions of equity, quality, responsiveness, efficiency, and resilience.

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