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The [World Medical Association](#) is an international organization representing millions of physicians worldwide. Acting on behalf of patients and physicians, the WMA endeavors to achieve the highest possible standards of medical care, ethics, education and health-related human rights for all people. As such, the WMA plays a key role in promoting good practice, medical ethics and medical accountability internationally.

The World Medical Association (WMA) considers that health is a basic need, a human right and one of the essential drivers of economic and social development. All people are entitled without discrimination to appropriate medical care according to the international codes of human rights and medical ethics, including the [WMA Declaration of Lisbon on the Rights of the Patient](#).

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We welcome the draft WHO Global Action Plan to Promote the Health of Refugees and Migrants developed in collaboration with IOM and UNHCR amongst other international organisations. This inclusive partnership, which comprises the consultation of other relevant partners as well, constitutes a positive advancement to address the complexity of the issue, with health as an essential component of good migration governance. We also welcome the various references in the GAP to the required need to develop educational courses/tools for health professionals in relation with the health of migrants and refugees.

In line with WMA policies, we suggest the following additions to the current proposed draft:

1. The draft GAP should include, in the preamble of the strategic guidelines,