

**statement regarding**  
**WHA 69 agenda item 17.F:**  
**Health Technology Assessment**

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**STATEMENT:**

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Dear Chairperson, Director General, distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Health Technology (HT) is vital to global health care. The dependence of health, rehabilitation, and wellness programs on technology for the delivery of their services has never been greater. It is therefore essential that health technology is managed in the most optimal way, to better contribute to the response to the burden of disease, to utilize digital care delivery tools, and to confront reemerging and new epidemics like Ebola and Zika.

IFMBE's Clinical Engineering Division just published a white paper, with 150 examples from 90 countries demonstrating the impact of health technology management on key processes and outcomes (<http://global.icehtmc.com>).

IFHE has published a lot of information on her website library ([www.ifhe.info](http://www.ifhe.info)) about engineering and facility technologies, practical examples of realized health care infrastructures.

A key success factor is a solid strategy emanating from the Ministry of Health and based on the expertise from clinical and biomedical engineers, medical physicists and hospital engineers who are part of their units and who can follow-up the technical aspects throughout the lifecycle.

We are calling on representatives of the member states' MoH and on WHO, to incorporate adequate Biomedical, Clinical Engineering and Hospital Engineering expertise as well as medical physicists into their institutional Health strategies.

Thank you for your kind attention.