

POSSESSION PAPER

(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

- I. **Introduction** The Russian Federation recognizes the critical importance of drug usage in medicine and its impact on public health. As a responsible member of the international community, Russia is committed to addressing the major issues surrounding drug usage in medicine and finding sustainable solutions. This position paper aims to highlight the key concerns and present Russia's approach to addressing them

- II. **Major Issues**
Access to Medications: Issue: Ensuring equitable access to essential medications remains a challenge, particularly in developing nations and marginalized populations. Solution: Russia emphasizes the need for international collaboration to improve access by promoting fair pricing, supporting domestic production, and streamlining regulatory processes. We advocate for initiatives that enhance affordability and availability, with a focus on vulnerable populations.
Drug Safety and Quality Control: Issue: The presence of counterfeit or substandard drugs poses risks to public health, requiring robust quality control measures. Solution: Russia emphasizes the need for stringent regulatory oversight, strong quality control mechanisms, and international cooperation to combat counterfeit

drugs. We support the development of international frameworks to ensure the safety and quality of medications, including improved supply chain security and stricter penalties for offenders.

Prescription Drug Abuse: Issue: Prescription drug abuse poses significant health risks and requires comprehensive prevention and treatment strategies. Solution: Russia advocates for a holistic approach, combining public awareness campaigns, responsible prescribing practices, education for healthcare professionals and the public, and accessible treatment and rehabilitation programs. We support international cooperation to share best practices and promote evidence-based approaches.

Medication Adherence: Issue: Poor medication adherence contributes to suboptimal treatment outcomes and health care inefficiencies. Solution: Russia encourages the development and implementation of patient education programs, innovative technology solutions, and healthcare provider training to improve medication adherence. We stress the importance of patient empowerment and shared decision-making to foster responsible medication use

III. Conclusion The Russian Federation is fully committed to addressing the major issues surrounding drug usage in medicine and promoting sustainable solutions. We recognize the significance of equitable access to medications, drug safety, prevention of prescription drug abuse, and medication adherence.

Source: Russian Ministry of Health, WHO Russia Reports:

Indicator	Before (2008–2010)	After Policy Implementation (2018-2020)
Youth Drug Use (Ages 15–24)	7.5%	4.3%
Smoking among youth	35%	21%
Alcohol-related offenses by youth	2,000/year	6,700/year

Through international cooperation, we aim to foster knowledge-sharing, enhance regulatory frameworks, and implement evidence-based strategies to ensure the responsible use of medications for the benefit of global public health. Russia stands ready to collaborate with fellow delegates to develop comprehensive resolutions that address these concerns effectively. By working together, we can create a future where access to safe and effective medications is guaranteed, responsible prescribing practices are upheld, and public health is affected.

Thank you