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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to refer to the World Health Assembly resolution WHA71.8 (2018) on Improving access to assistive technology which requests the Director-General to report on progress in the implementation of the resolution to be presented to the Health Assembly in **2022, 2026 and 2030**.

Member States are invited to designate a focal point from the Ministry of Health to contribute to the development of the progress report as mandated by resolution WHA71.8. The focal point is requested to coordinate with relevant departments and other ministries to identify progress made in areas of access to assistive technology within the country following the adoption of the resolution, including in relation to legislation, coverage, financing, human resources, regulations and standards, and specific initiatives.

Ten progress indicators for access to assistive technology have been devised by WHO to measure progress in implementation of resolution WHA71.8. In 2021, seventy Member States responded to the first progress indicator survey, contributing to reporting to the World Health Assembly in 2022 and the WHO and UNICEF Global report on assistive technology (2022).

The progress indicators have been further refined in 2025 in consultation with Member States. To facilitate data collection, WHO has prepared an online questionnaire hosted on the DataForm platform. Countries' focal points will be given individual access to DataForm where they will upload responses and related data for the ten progress indicators. The questionnaire will be available in the six official languages during the data collection period: **1 August to 31 October 2025**.

Member States are requested to send the nomination of the focal point to the following email address with "AT progress indicators" in the subject field: [assistivetech@who.int](mailto:assistivetech@who.int) with the following information:

- focal point title, surname and first name;
- country, position and affiliation;
- preferred language from Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish;
- contact email(s).

Upon receiving the nomination, the Secretariat will be available to answer any questions, and will provide the focal point access to the DataForm questionnaire as soon as it is open.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

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