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WONCA welcomes the WHO Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous Peoples, especially its focus on rural populations, multidisciplinary teams, and support for Indigenous-led health services.

To turn this plan into reality, we ask Member States to focus on four critical actions:

- Explicitly recognize family doctors and rural generalists as essential for culturally safe, continuous care.
- Create policies and plans for workforce sustainability and retention of Indigenous health workers.
- Call for immediate, decisive action to eliminate structural racism and correct inequitable access to care in remote communities.
- Commit that digital health tools and AI must be co-designed with Indigenous Peoples and ensure Indigenous data sovereignty to actively support self-determination.