

IAPO Intervention

Agenda Item 5 (j). Progress Reports: Cross Cutting Reports –Roadmap to implementing Agenda for Sustainable Development building on Health 2020, the European policy for health and well-being (resolution EUR/RC67/R3)

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The **International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)** is a non-State actor in official relationship with the WHO and an international alliance with over 260 patients' organisation members in over 70 countries.

IAPO welcomes the Progress Report on the Road Map to implement Agenda for Sustainable Development building on Health 2020, the European policy for health and wellbeing EUR/RC69/8(E).

We, however, would like to stress to the WHO European Region Member States that Patient Safety is a central pillar of sustainable, compassionate and effective healthcare within Agenda 2030 and Health 2020. WHO EURO Member States endorsed WHO Director General's Report A72/26 Global Action on Patient Safety at the World Health Assembly in May 2019. Putting patient safety first in universal health coverage will reassure communities that they can trust their health care systems to keep them and their families safe and ensure that during the planning and resourcing of their vision for universal health coverage, the Member States do not use flawed and wasteful models of care.

IAPO also thanks the WHO EURO Member States and Ministers who have kept the momentum going on patient safety by attending the Global Ministerial Summits on Patient Safety in London, Berlin, Tokyo and Jeddah.

Lastly we congratulate WHO European Region Member States who will be joining us patients on 17th September 2019 to mark the first World Patient Safety Day.

We urge WHO Europe Region Member States to take note of this progress report EUR/RC69/8(E) in conjunction with WHO DG's Report A72/26 Patient Safety Global action on patient safety and implement the Resolution WHA 72.6 under Agenda Item 12.5, 28 May 2019.