

## Global action on patient safety

### Agenda Item 131

#### The International Alliance of Patients Organizations

To build back better and ensure we have people-centred, accessible, acceptable, affordable, and quality health care systems and universal health coverage, we must ensure patient safety across the whole healthcare spectrum from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care across the life course.

We concur with the Executive Board and the Director-General and urge the Member States to incorporate the Six Guiding Principles and engage the patients, their families, and carers in co-creating safe care. It is particularly important that we instill a patient safety culture in the design and delivery of universal health coverage 2030. Safe care fosters trust in health systems, health professionals and medical products, trust that can be undermined by products and interventions that do not adhere to the highest standards of quality, such as substandard and falsified medicines.

After having witnessed fragmented responses to patient and health professional safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is now important that the WHO Flagship Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030 be implemented in close collaboration with all stakeholders. Global patient safety action in UHC 2030 must be whole of government, whole of society, whole of industry and the whole of the patient community collaboration. We must not leave any one out or behind.

The global action on patient safety must be evidence based, putting research into patient safety practice, and patient safety practice and learnings back into research. Use of scientific expertise and patient experience must drive patient safety policies and actions that are appropriate for each care setting.

We urge the WHA to adopt this Resolution.