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**IAHPC Advocacy Agenda for WHA 71: Three Main Asks**

1. *Urge* member states and partners to request WHA to pass the Roadmap Decision on Access to Medicines [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/EB142/B142\(3\)-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB142/B142(3)-en.pdf).
  16. The [Executive] Board, having noted the report on addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines, recommended the Health Assembly to request the elaboration of a road map report outlining the programming of WHO's work on access to medicines and vaccines, including activities, actions and deliverables for the period 2019–2023.IAHPC will be playing an active consultative role in the development of the Roadmap, working with our focal points in Essential Medicines and Health Products
2. *Ask* member states to comment on opioid language in A 71/12. Report on Access to Medicines, and request more balanced approach.  
[http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA71/A71\\_12-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71_12-en.pdf)
3. *Ask* Member states and partners to support the Draft GPW. A.71/4.  
[http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA71/A71\\_4-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71_4-en.pdf). Especially paras 37 and 38. (Text below) Thank them for a proposed indicator and look forward to working together with colleagues in SDS and Medicines.
  37. These actions include aligning health systems to the needs of older populations, with a special focus on enhancing the functioning of older persons and the management of chronic disease, including dementia; improving access to medicines; developing systems of long-term care including community-based services; promoting palliative care, creating age-friendly environments; and improving measurement, monitoring and understanding of healthy ageing.
  38. There is limited availability of palliative care services in much of the world, which contributes to much avoidable suffering for millions of patients and their families. WHO will emphasize the need to create or strengthen health systems that include palliative care as an integral component of treatment within the continuum of care. The Organization will promote the adequate availability of internationally controlled essential medicines in palliative care, including for the management of pain, while preventing their diversion and abuse.

We will also be commenting on Item 14, “Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan.”

The Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA) will attend with a delegation and supply an Advocacy Note on items pertaining to NCDs, UHC, and Tuberculosis.