

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc.

Meeting:

WHA75 Individual Statements

Agenda Item:

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Statement:

The IAHPC notes the report of the IOAC and requests member states to include palliative care in pandemic preparedness and response. The agreed language exists in operational Paragraph 7, WHA 73/1 (7) which calls on member states “to provide access to safe testing, treatment, and palliative care for COVID-19, paying particular attention to the protection of those with pre-existing health conditions, older people, and other people at risk.” States can do this by integrating palliative care into primary health care per the Astana Declaration, training community health workers, and aligning their national essential medicines list with the WHO Model List, particularly Section 2. IAHPC stands ready to assist member states in this endeavor with the Essential Package of Palliative Care Services for countries of all income levels.

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