

# International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc.

## Meeting:

WHA75 Individual Statements

## Agenda Item:

- Grouping 4.2

## Statement:

The IAHPC notes the Report's concern with the very low access to medication for moderate and severe pain, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. The evidence shows that a robust regulatory system, public procurement of generic controlled medicines, particularly oral morphine, combined with appropriate workforce education and access to treatment for substance use disorder can help member states attain Targets 3.8 and 3.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals. We welcome the inter-agency collaboration between the WHO, UN Office of Drugs and Crime, and International Narcotics Control Board expressed in the 2021 Joint Statement and call for member states to implement its recommendations to reduce the preventable suffering of their structurally vulnerable populations, including older persons. The IAHPC's global membership stands ready to assist.

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