International Alliance of Patients' Organizations

Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

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Thank you Chair, honourable members, distinguished delegates.

IAPO at the out-set in the EB148 and WHA 74 we welcomed the Director Generals reports EB148/1, A74/9 and EB145/3 on standardization of medical devices nomenclature.

IAPO concurred that we must have an international classification, coding, and nomenclature for medical devices (INMD) made available to all Member States and their patient communities as this will support patient safety and the WHO Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030.

The INMD must be co-created with the patients, health professionals and industry stakeholders and work with the grain of the existing nomenclature systems like Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) and the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum to develop a harmonized approach.