



## **Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies**

### **Agenda Item 16.2**

Thank you Chair, honourable members, distinguished delegates.

IAPO would first like to mark the lives lost and the sequela created by the SARS-CoV2 Virus.

The pandemic demonstrated great fault lines in our global public health governance and control structures and mechanisms. The letter and practice of the International Health Regulation 2005 was left wanting and it created an atmosphere of mistrust inter and intra nations. This diminished global solidarity and national unity in public health.

The world now needs a new global health framework that goes beyond the IHR 2005. It should be based in the right to health, aiming to address central shortcomings of IHR. It should be co-produced with patients to ensure an effective and equitable global response in protecting the patient and health workforce.

IAPO recommends that the Member States implement the WHO Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-30 (GPSAP 2021-30) Decision WHA74(13) in toto in all large scale health emergencies, and within the draft recommendations on how to strengthen the design and implementation of policies, including those for resilient health systems and health.