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## IPSF Statement to the 74<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly Agenda Item 13.1 Global Action to Patient Safety

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**Established in 1949**, IPSF is the leading international advocacy organisation for pharmacy and pharmaceutical science students and recent graduates that promotes improved public health through the provision of information, education, networking, and a range of publications and professional activities.

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Honourable Chair, distinguished delegates,

It is a great honour to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) which represents over 500,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in over 100 countries worldwide.

As a global public health priority, patient safety is vital for achieving both Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It should be recognised that patient safety cannot be achieved without access to safe facilities, technology and medical devices, in a protective and enabling environment.

IPSF has been advocating for an adequate use of medication through initiatives that aim to reduce severe, avoidable medication-related harm such as AMR and substandard and falsified medical products. Through patient safety awareness campaigns, webinars and symposia, IPSF has ensured its members are educated about how they contribute to improving the safety of health care delivery.

IPSF calls for global collaboration between governments, stakeholders and health professionals to establish roadmaps and frameworks as well as to acknowledge the key role of youth as the future of the health workforce to secure implementation of patient safety principles. Furthermore, IPSF encourages the implementation of a data-driven approach to measure the effectiveness of patient safety policies. IPSF deeply believes that to enhance global and regional patient safety, guidelines, training and education should be adequately provided to healthcare professionals to raise awareness and engagement which aligns with strategic objective 5 of the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2020-2030: Inspire, educate, skill and protect health workers to contribute to the design and delivery of safe health systems.

IPSF commends the WHO for its involvement in establishing the Global Patient Safety Network and Global Patient Safety Collaborative and encourages the involvement of youth in all relevant initiatives.

Thank you.