



## **IAPO Statement at 77th WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia** New Delhi, India, 7–9 October 2024

### **Agenda item 8.2: Annual report on monitoring progress on UHC and health-related SDGs** **([SEA/RC77/10](#))**

The **International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)** has been advocating for patient-centred healthcare for 25 years and fully supports the ongoing efforts to monitor progress on advancing universal health coverage (UHC) and health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the South-East Asia region.

**IAPO** commends the **ninth annual report** on tracking Member States' progress toward achieving UHC and the health-related SDGs. This report represents a vital step towards a healthier, more equitable future for all in the region.

We particularly appreciate the report's updates on health outcomes in the region and emphasize the importance of actively involving patients, communities, and people with lived experiences in policy design and implementation. This approach ensures that health policies are not only evidence-based but also genuinely reflective of the needs and realities faced by those directly affected.

In alignment with the recently adopted **resolution on social participation for UHC, health, and well-being**, passed at the **77th World Health Assembly** in May 2024, **IAPO** urges Member States in South-East Asia to fully commit to its implementation. Recognizing the value of engaging people with lived experiences in health decision-making is essential for bridging the gap between policy interventions and accelerating progress in improving health services coverage across the region.

**IAPO** remains committed to collaborating with all stakeholders to advance these goals and to promote safe, quality, equitable, and patient-centred healthcare policies across South-East Asia.