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Statement of I.R. Iran on:
Patient Safety based on Resolution WHA72.6 (2019) and Decision
EB148 (2021)

Introduction:

First of all, I would like to thank the esteemed authors of the report on “Patient Safety: Global Action”. Based on Resolution WHA72.6(2019) and Decision EB148 (2021) on “Patient Safety, the subject has been recognized as a key priority in global health systems. These documents emphasize the need to strengthen health systems to reduce preventable harm to patients and to promote a culture of learning and accountability.

Believing in the fundamental right of every individual to access safe healthcare, and with the aim of achieving safe healthcare services free from preventable harm for all patients at all service levels, therefore, the Islamic Republic of Iran has developed and implemented a patient safety action plan as one of the main priorities of its health system by considering the following actions:

- ☐ Establishing reporting systems and learning from patient safety events (in accordance with the WHO framework)
- ☐ Implementing preventive strategies in high-risk areas (such as hospital infections, misdiagnosis, unsafe drug therapy)
- ☐ Empowering medical staff and patients through education and awareness-raising based on WHO guidelines
- ☐ Continuous monitoring and evaluating patient safety indicators using internationally recognized tools,

In accordance with WHO slogan titled "Patient Safety: A Global Priority", we believe all the-above mentioned measures reduce medical errors and promote a culture of transparent reporting.

Accordingly, Iran is committed to align its national program with the WHO Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030, allocate financial and human resources for the effective implementation of the program, and ensure transparency and accountability in disseminating results and progress.

Practical suggestions for WHO: We proposed to include the following items in the Global action plan for patient safety:

1. Strengthening digital infrastructure
2. Policy-making and monitoring