

# SEVENTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION

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## Provisional Agenda Item 2

### Consideration of the benefits of developing a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness

Honourable Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

You will be aware that the WGPR has concluded that key aspects of health emergency preparedness fall outside of the scope of the IHR and may be best addressed through a new instrument. As a leading representative of the global circulatory health community, the ISN echoes our partners' calls for Member States to adopt a Framework Convention or similar binding instrument which will mitigate the impact of future pandemics on our patients.

This instrument can play a key role in tackling the global burden of kidney disease through preparation for, and the prevention of, global health emergencies.

Building resilient health systems by increasing spending and developing specific policies to tackle kidney disease risk factors; including indicators of kidney disease into measures of pandemic readiness; ensuring access to essential health services for people living with the disease; and prioritising vaccination for those with such underlying risk factors; will be integral to such efforts.

Thank you.



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