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**THE DECLARATION ON PALLIATIVE CARE IN A PANDEMIC
AT THE 4TH AFRICAN MINISTERS OF HEALTH MEETING HELD IN KAMPALA
UGANDA ON 24TH AUGUST 2022**

Following the previous African Ministers of Health Sessions on Palliative Care and;

whereas in 2013 in Johannesburg South Africa the declaration focused on consensus in the build up to the passing of the World Health Assembly Resolution in May 2014,

whereas in 2016 in Kampala Uganda the declaration focused on implementation of the nine roles for members states in the 2014 WHA Resolution in addition to improving access to essential medicines and technologies applicable in improving access to palliative care,

whereas in 2019 in Kigali Rwanda the declaration focused on the essential basic palliative care package for inclusion in Universal Health Coverage plans,

And following the experiences of patients in the COVID-19 pandemic who died in isolation without adequate physical, psychosocial and or spiritual support from their preferred palliative care and end of life care providers; in circumstances such as Intensive Care Units and isolation rooms where the care providers lacked the expertise or skills to provide palliative care, we would like to commit as follows in the 2022 African Ministers of Health Declaration:

1. Encourage all African governments through their ministries of health to ensure that palliative care for adults and children is ***integrated in all national responses to infectious diseases outbreaks, pandemics, and epidemics as a funded component***
2. That national ***infectious diseases response protocols include a palliative care*** section as standard for both adults and children
3. That national emergency response teams for disease outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics are ***trained and equipped in aspects of palliative care as providers of appropriate and effective pain and symptom control for both adults and children***
4. That national infectious diseases response plans and protocols provide for addressing all the needs of ***patients holistically including not just physical but psychosocial and spiritual*** aspects to reduce the suffering among affected adults and children and their families.

Agreed on this 24th Day of August 2022

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