FIP Rules of Procedure
BU-E2: DEFINITIONS OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF OFFICIAL FIP PAPERS

**FIP Reference Paper**
A collection of evidence and comprehensive analysis of a specific matter with the intention to serve as an evidence base for the development of an FIP Statement.

*Adopted by FIP Bureau*

**FIP Statements**

*FIP Statement of Policy*
A paper setting out the organisation’s current, firm policy on a specific subject. Usually, in FIP’s case, this would be a policy bearing on or a topic closely related to pharmacy or health in general.

*Adopted by FIP Council*

FIP would, by such a paper, indicate the policy that it intended to pursue with other relevant international organisations. It would also expect Member Organisations, Observer Organisations and AIM members to promote to other structures and organisations, including governments when appropriate, at national or regional level.

*FIP Statement of Professional Standards*
A paper setting out the standards the organisation would expect pharmacists to observe in discharging their professional responsibilities in one or more areas of practice.

*Adopted by FIP Council*

After adoption by the Council, FIP would expect Member Organisations, Observer Organisations and AIM Members to take steps in the light of local circumstances, to ensure that the standards are achieved by practising pharmacists undertaking the professional activity concerned.
Joint Statement
A statement between FIP and other international organisations, like the WHO or other health professional organisations.
Adopted by FIP Bureau.

Technical Guidelines
FIP might also issue Technical Guidelines, which are meant as professional guidance on a specific subject.
Adopted by FIP Bureau

Declaration
In emergency situations or on subjects that have humanitarian implications internationally FIP may issue a Declaration.
Adopted by FIP ExCo or Bureau

FIP Reports
Compilation of data, information and analysis on specific matters.
Adopted by FIP ExCo if these reports are meant to be public