

## FIP POSITION STATEMENT

### The conflict in the Middle East

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The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) calls for all parties involved in the ongoing war involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, and its regional escalation across the Gulf region and neighbouring countries, including Iraq and Lebanon to comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law. In line with the Geneva Conventions, the ill-treatment and killing of civilians are strictly prohibited, and the sick and wounded must be cared for.

FIP condemns all acts of violence that result in human suffering. They also place immense strain on healthcare facilities, disrupting essential services, damaging infrastructure, and severely limiting access to life-saving care for affected populations. We call for the immediate cessation of actions that endanger civilians and healthcare workers. Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right, and any attack on healthcare personnel and the patients they serve is unacceptable.

FIP's vision is a world where everyone benefits from access to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and health technologies, as well as pharmaceutical care services provided by pharmacists in collaboration with other healthcare professionals. In conflict settings, healthcare professionals, including pharmacists, continue to deliver care under significant risk. FIP therefore urges all parties to respect and protect civilians, health workers and healthcare professionals, irrespective of religion, political affiliation or ethnicity, and to ensure the uninterrupted provision of humanitarian assistance, including access to medicines and essential health services, without risk to providers. De-escalation of the conflict is essential to safeguard lives and health systems.

Pharmacists have an ethical duty and professional responsibility to contribute to health service delivery in emergencies. We remind all our members and others of our [Statement of Policy](#) on the role of the

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pharmacist in disaster management, including in situations of armed conflict, civil unrest, natural disasters, and public health emergencies.

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