

# Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly Statement on Agenda item 13.4 Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

Honourable chair, distinguished delegates,

I am speaking on behalf of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (also known as World Physiotherapy) representing more than 600,000 physiotherapists globally.

We congratulate the WHO EB on recommending the adoption of a resolution on “Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems”.

World Physiotherapy believes that physiotherapists play a vital role in the rehabilitation process by reducing health-related problems associated with functional limitations and optimising outcomes, activities, participation, and environmental factors for persons in need of rehabilitation.

World Physiotherapy encourages the development of rehabilitation services to address individual and populations’ needs.

Therefore, World Physiotherapy supports WHO’s encouragement of national efforts to strengthen health systems by providing comprehensive rehabilitation services a fundamental component of universal health care.