Taking into consideration the changes that the COVID19 pandemic has induced in the practice of science across the world and the <u>IUPAP position statement on virtual conferences and worldwide</u> <u>accessibility</u>, the IUPAP resolves to:

1. Use the well-established guidelines developed by the IUPAP to pursue the principle and the practice of endorsing and supporting the most deserving international conferences and meetings of physicists regardless of whether they are held in person, virtually or in hybrid form

2. Decide on the support/endorsement of conferences and meetings without discriminating against the (accessible) platforms on which they are held

3. Update the IUPAP current guidelines on good practice and accessibility to cover virtual (online) conferences.

4. Call upon all organizers of scientific meetings and conferences which include virtual participation to take into strict consideration issues of accessibility restrictions that continue to persist on the basis of geographical locations and either choose platforms with global access and worldwide footprint or include more than one way through which unhindered global participation can be facilitated.

5. Require organizers to take into consideration the devastating effects of the COVID19 pandemic and ease the registration fees of participants with difficulties; in particular the prospective participants who have lost income due to the pandemic-related job changes or caregiver-responsibilities, with priority focused on the women affected.

6. In the aftermath of the COVID19, give due consideration to the benefits of online conferences, recognising that safe travel and access to vaccinations are not universally available.