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### **Budapest Commitments**

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#### **Background**

Palliative care services have expanded considerably in recent years throughout the world. There is a need to increase international collaboration to promote developments and share support and experience across the globe.

#### **Aims**

This paper outlines the processes that have been adopted to develop and sustain joint working practices, establish better palliative care and to achieve sustainable improvements in Europe using a framework called the Budapest Commitments.

#### **Discussion**

The paper will be presented in three sections:

- Introduction to the European Association for Palliative Care
- Description of the Budapest Commitments, including the five areas for development:
  - 1) Access to medications,
  - 2) Policy,
  - 3) Education,
  - 4) Quality,
  - 5) Research.

There will be practical examples of how the Budapest Commitments have been implemented in three countries – Germany, Denmark and Austria.

- Introduction to the International Observatory on End of Life Care

#### **Conclusions**

There are important transferrable lessons to be learnt from the implementation of the Budapest Commitments which are potentially applicable to China. Organisations seeking to establish similar initiatives will be encouraged to draw upon this framework.