



American Model United Nations
World Health Assembly

WHA/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Assembly

The World Health Assembly,

1 Observing that tobacco consumption is a major cause of life threatening non-
2 communicable diseases (e.g., various cardiovascular diseases and cancers),
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4 Noting with concern that tobacco related deaths account for 5 million deaths each
5 year, and that this number is expected to double within 20 years,
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7 Deeply disturbed by the World Health Organization's (WHO) prediction within
8 the World Health Report 2002, which estimates that by 2030 approximately 70% of
9 smoking related deaths will occur in developing countries,
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11 Recognizing the program, "Thanks a Million," Uruguay's successful tobacco use
12 prevention program, that incorporated strict bans on tobacco product advertising,
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14 Alarmed about the statistic from WHO/NCD/TFI/99.10 that nearly half of all of
15 the world's children breathe
16 air polluted by tobacco smoke,
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18 Deeply regretting that there are over 1 billion smokers in the world as cited by
19 WHO,
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21 1. Calls upon Member States to limit tobacco advertising directed towards
22 children and teens;
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24 2. Urges Member States to implement education programs that teach the harms of
25 tobacco use;
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27 3. Requests Member States to more strictly enforce their own laws pertaining the
28 legal age to purchase and consume tobacco products;
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30 4. Further requests that Member States require tobacco companies to put graphic
31 health warnings on tobacco product packaging.
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Passed, Yes: 49 / No: 20 / Abstain: 12