

American Model United Nations General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Global health and foreign policy

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- 1 Recognizing that health is a human right upheld in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
- 2 Emphasizing that disease prevention is always more effective than disease eradication,
- 3 Upholding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for gender equality, good health and well-4 being, clean water, and sanitation,
- 5 Commending current efforts to address and further normalize mental health issues,
- Reiterating the importance of further recognition of thesemental health issues, especially in the context of the refugee crisis,
 - Applauding all national and international efforts to increase clean water access to all people,
- 9 1. Encourages all Member States to contribute to the ongoing research and development on prevention and treatment of communicable diseases such as Zika, Malaria, AIDS, and Ebola;
 - 2. Advocates the formation of a general contingency fund in order to have a pre-emptive amount of money to use when the next great global health crisis occurs, specifically modeled after the United Nations Zika Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund;
 - 3. Hopes that a stronger health non-governmental organization (NGO) presence in developing rural areas will increase both sanitation and health resources in these areas, by specifically utilizing the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement to ease distribution of medications to rural areas;
 - 4. *Invites* Member States to increase sanitation efforts, especially through the building of bathrooms for girls in cooperation with NGOs already working towards these ends;
- 5. Recommends the training of individuals, especially midwives, in order to reduce issues such as infant and maternal mortality that:
- 21 (a) Focuses on training that will provide a sanitary environment during the prenatal, birthing, and 22 postnatal process;
- 23 (b) Supports the use of pre-existing United Nations offices within Member States, in order to prior-24 itize the public health needs and interests of the states being aided;
- 6. Encourages Member States to utilize NGOs such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to deal with issues of clean water and malaria prevention;
- 7. Further invites Member States to utilize the accessible database for the best practices of prevention and treatment provided by the Global Health Organization (GHO).

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