



*American Model United Nations*  
**World Health Organization Executive Board**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting the health of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Organization Executive Board

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1 *Reaffirming* the tenets of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which highlights that health is a basic  
2 human right regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity or orientation, and religion,

3 *Confirming* the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for commitment to global health for  
4 all human beings,

5 *Acknowledging* the Global Action Plan (GAP) to promote the health of refugees and migrants,

6 *Recognizing* the significant mental health burden of migration either forced or voluntary,

7 *Noting* the importance of preventative healthcare measures, particularly for the most vulnerable communities  
8 concerning maternal and child health,

9 *Highlighting* that 1 in 10 births worldwide are classified as pre-births which are born before 37 weeks of  
10 pregnancy,

11 *Recognizing* that women who undergo extreme stress during pregnancy are at higher risk for premature  
12 births and detrimental medical complications,

13 *Emphasizing* that maternal and infant mortality is the number one indicator of the health of a state,

14 *Recognizing* the success of collaborations with United Nations bodies such as the United Nations High Com-  
15 missioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), and United Nations International  
16 Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF),

17 *Identifying* the crucial role that mental health, including the strain of stress and post-traumatic stress  
18 disorder (PTSD), plays in maternal well being, family stability, and health and success of future generations,

19 1. *Calls* for close proximity to or increased ease of access to birthing facilities at migrant camps with well  
20 equipped medical professionals;

21 2. *Encourages* a focus on sanitation within camps and health clinics so as to protect migrants from deadly  
22 and preventative diseases;

23 3. *Commends* strategic partnerships with local food providers and businesses to connect migrants to both  
24 safe nourishment/resources and job opportunities;

25 4. *Strongly encourages* the provision of mental health screenings for female migrants entering the country,  
26 in particular pregnant women who may experience increased risk of physical health complications during pregnancy  
27 or who may have compromised ability to care for their children due to mental health issues;

28 5. *Requests* funding from governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and donors for mental  
29 health specialists in refugee camps;

30 6. *Calls* for increased research on the effects of migration on mental health of women and their children;

31 7. *Recommends* the designation of safe spaces in refugee and migrant camps especially for women in order  
32 to build bonds through group activities, research has prove this makes a sizable difference to migrant well-being;

33 8. *Endorses* an increased availability of the necessary resources for migrant women and children, especially  
34 pregnant women who are at the highest health risks, including but not limited to mosquito nets, hygiene kits,  
35 nutritious/healthy meals, and prenatal vitamins;

36 9. *Calls* for health screenings for migrant women and children, particularly communicable diseases that can  
37 be transferred from parent to child such as HIV;

38 10. *Suggests* the implementation of vaccine screenings, further focusing on increasing access to vaccines and  
39 proper facilities for vaccine storage and administration;

40 11. *Urges* the expansion of specific healthcare and childcare support resources provided by collaborative  
41 United Nations bodies to address maternal and infant health:

42 (a) Medical resources are allocated for premature babies and mothers with high risk pregnancies;

43 (b) Providing nursing support for mothers as well as nutritious meals for children;

44 12. *Reaffirms* the United Nation's continued commitment to legal protection against violence towards women.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 0 / Abstain: 2