



*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 *Expressing* concerns regarding the lack of access to universal healthcare systems faced by many migrants  
2 both at the regional and global level,

3 *Recalling* the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board's decision on 31 January 2017, which  
4 requested a draft of Framework of Priorities and Guiding Principles to Promote the Health of Refugees and Migrants,

5 *Reaffirming* the 70th World Health Assembly resolution of 29 May 2017, which adopted WHO's Framework  
6 of Priorities and Guiding Principles,

7 *Acknowledging* the threats that communicable and non-communicable diseases, such as malaria and measles,  
8 pose to migrants' and public health,

9 *Recognizing* the role of States' governments in promoting migrants' equal access to healthcare programs,

10 *Noting* the necessity to cooperate between WHO and other United Nations sub-bodies such as United Nations  
11 High Council for Refugees and International Organization for Migrants (IOM), also the budget sharing with these  
12 sub-bodies for improving the health of migrants as well as refugees,

13 *Applauding* the success of Iraq's Emergency Warning (eWARN) system in stopping disease spread by over  
14 90% in instances when an outbreak was identified,

15 *Welcoming* cooperation between the WHO, United Nations' Member States, International Organization,  
16 and other stakeholders to resolve issues concerning the health of migrants,

17 1. *Calls upon* the Member States to further integrate the Framework of Priorities and Guiding Principles to  
18 Promote the Health of Refugees and Migrants, as drafted by the WHO;

19 2. *Encourages* Member States, in consultation with the World Health Organization and other concerned  
20 expert groups and organizations, to collaborate and advise each other in writing or updating their legislation on  
21 healthcare for migrants;

22 3. *Recommends* the development of a global disease warning network to:

23 (a) Encourage the development of a communication system to use available technology to distribute  
24 inter- and intra- state alerts to focus all necessary medical aid on areas demanding immediate attention;

25 (i) Noting that all states are not expected to do so on the same technological level;

26 A. Systems can range from the use of walkie-talkies to radio systems;

27 (b) Educate people about the implications of movement within infected areas;

28 (c) Enable infected populations to receive immediate aid to address the disease;

29 (d) Allow for the application of research on past diseases and research of new diseases in the infected  
30 areas;

31 (e) Ensure migrant populations in all nations receive equal and adequate care;

32 4. *Promotes* the creation of an international data collection platform for medical professionals to record  
33 anonymous statistics about migrant and refugee health, including:

34 (a) Demographic information about those suffering from diseases;

35 (b) Geographic information about the regions in which diseases are prevalent;

36 (c) Treatment options and availability;

37 (d) Correlations between environmental conditions and health;

38 5. *Encourages* Member States to make available information about various health topics relevant to migrants  
39 to:

40 (a) Maintain cultural specificity and promote the availability of these resources in migrants' native  
41 languages;

42 (b) Promote education about various health care topics including, but not limited to: hygiene;  
43 vaccination; information about host nations' health care and insurance systems and on diseases and health concerns,  
44 including symptoms, the spread of diseases, and more; sexually transmitted diseases; basic first aid methods;

45 6. *Invites* all Member States to apply the aforementioned suggestions and engage in international cooperation  
46 and global resource-sharing to promote the health of migrants and refugees.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions