



American Model United Nations
World Health Organization Executive Board

WHO/I/8

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting the health of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Organization Executive Board

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1 *Recognizing* the establishment of the Global Action Plan to Promote the Health of Refugees and Migrants
2 and the need to continue their work of advising countries and migrants,

3 *Acknowledging* that country-specific research and policy suggestions are necessary in order to determine
4 effective methods of equitable access to healthcare for migrants,

5 *Emphasizing* that equitable access is best achieved through country-specific healthcare integration of mi-
6 grants,

7 *Noting* that Member States' collaboration and cooperation with World Health Organization (WHO) advisory
8 committees bolsters international commitment to improving migrant health,

9 1. *Encourages* the establishment of the Migrant Health Research and Advisory Committee, which will:

10 (a) Maintain an international database on migrant distribution;

11 (i) Monitor and the availability of local health care for migrants en route;

12 (ii) Identify the areas most in need of health care for migrants;

13 (iii) Advise Member States on the strengthening of health care for migrants;

14 (b) Research the current infrastructure and laws in each Member State to recommend specific
15 solutions that best address each situation;

16 (c) Convene annually to address new points that arise in each community;

17 (d) Convene during times of crisis or migrant and refugee spikes and provide a response that will
18 prioritize the treatment of at-risk migrants to prevent the spread of disease or spikes in health issues related to the
19 specific reasons migrants are moving between countries;

20 (e) Consist of a board that would select groups dedicated to individual countries wherein each group
21 would consist of researchers with knowledge of the specific area, policy experts with knowledge of the laws in the
22 region, historians with knowledge of the culture of the area, health workers who have experience in the area, each
23 group will report back to the board;

24 2. *Emphasizes* that this committee will suggest methods for ensuring equitable access both within and
25 among Member States, and to all communities around the world, as well as all types of migrants including those
26 that are:

27 (a) Fleeing from conflict;

28 (b) Fleeing from disease outbreaks;

29 (c) Seeking new opportunities economic or otherwise;

30 (d) Emigrating;

31 3. *Recommends* that the committee produce state-specific recommendations, such as but not limited to:

32 (a) Recommending the dialogue and collaboration between individual Member States if deemed
33 helpful;

34 (b) Utilizing United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) resources in providing care
35 for medium to long term refugees;

36 (c) Appointing WHO, in collaboration with organizations such as UNHCR and United Nations
37 International Children's Education Fund (UNICEF), to create quality-assurance boards for the health care provided
38 en route in order to monitor the quality of migrant care;

39 (d) Establishment of standards for the geographic distribution of healthcare facilities;

40 4. *Encourages* the sharing and implementation of effective practices pertaining to the development of health
41 care structures that facilitate the promotion of migrant health accessibility.

Passed, Yes: 15 / No: 1 / Abstain: 2