



American Model United Nations
World Conference on Youth

WCY/I/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting healthy lives and access to quality health care

SUBMITTED TO: The World Conference on Youth

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1 *Recognizing* the value of the work accomplished in the World Programme of Action, specifically the priority
2 area of health,

3 *Reaffirming* the importance of General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 19th December 2006, which establishes
4 the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

5 *Emphasizing* the third United Nations SDG, which states the goal of ensuring healthy lives and promoting
6 well-being for all ages,

7 *Recognizing* the differences within accessibility to quality health care between urban and rural areas, with a
8 significantly lower accessibility in rural areas,

9 *Noting with regret* that maternal and infant mortality is an issue that is particularly impacted by this divide,

10 *Convinced* that the first step in solving the problems associated with healthcare is to create equitable access
11 to healthcare for everyone,

12 *Noting with concern* the difficulty for developing countries to solve these challenges on their own,

13 1. *Urges* Member States to increase access to information about basic health care and nutrition through
14 education programs at the primary and secondary levels, in spaces of worship and in community centers;

15 2. *Emphasizes* further action to decrease both child obesity and malnutrition, which has recently become
16 an increasing issue in rural areas through the spread of information about proper nutrition, diet and exercise;

17 3. *Encourages* Member States to implement systems that ensure water quality is sufficient and accessible
18 where needed;

19 4. *Calls upon* Member States to take immediate action to bolster the pre-existing local health clinics in rural
20 areas by assisting in providing medical and educational resources while respecting regional beliefs and infrastructure
21 by:

22 (a) increasing paramedical staff, specifically in rural clinics;

23 (b) providing skilled training and education opportunities for staff;

24 (c) establishing an accessible vaccination program;

25 (d) improving access to sterile medical equipment;

26 (e) creating more local health clinics in areas where needed;

27 (f) increasing the capacity of healthcare in both urban and rural areas;

28 5. *Encourages* Member States to establish concise campaigns that combat sexual violence and promote
29 sexual health, women's rights and childcare in their country, especially regarding:

30 (a) the prevention of vertical transmission of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and
31 sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between mother and child;

32 (b) increased ability to acquire appropriate contraceptive materials;

33 6. *Considers* that Member States have different cultures and that they respect State sovereignty on issues
34 regarding their health education curriculum;

35 7. *Welcomes* any financial and/or logistical support provided by non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
36 with an interest in promoting health;

37 8. *Requests* that the Secretary-General, in collaboration with other Member States, prepare a report to be
38 delivered at the following World Conference on Youth.

Passed, Yes: 41 / No: 22 / Abstain: 13