



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 *Recognizing* the unique healthcare challenges faced by migrant populations across the globe whilst keeping
2 in mind that the this body is not proposing a change in migrant acceptance policies,

3 *Acknowledging* that the provision of migrants comes at a great cost to receiving Member States and is a
4 laborious task,

5 *Considering* the necessity of an unobstructed line of communication between medical institutions, particu-
6 larly in the form of regular dispatches between hospitals, and the continued discussions between health departments
7 within governments,

8 *Taking into consideration* the adverse effects of migration on health, which may include serious illness or
9 injury,

10 *Noting* that an emergency may be defined as any injury that requires immediate medical care to prevent
11 death or serious injury constitutes an emergency, including mental health issues which must be considered a necessary
12 component of comprehensive health care when dealing with emergency situations,

13 *Recognizing* that the job of caring for migrants is not a duty relegated only to Member States accepting but
14 to countries of origin,

15 1. *Distinguishes* between the various causes which impels one to urgently flee their home as:

16 (a) Ecological motives, such as famines, droughts, flooding, etc;

17 (b) Confrontational motives, such as war, persecution, instability, etc. ;

18 2. *Designates* two types of necessary care based on an individual's motives for migration, namely:

19 (a) "Emergency care," which is designated for migrants who migrate due to ecological and con-
20 frontational motives;

21 (b) "Preventative care," which is designated for migrants who migrate for all other reasons, including
22 (but not limited to) political, economic and healthcare reasons;

23 3. *Endorses* the creation of specific, measurable goals for expanding capacity of existing healthcare infras-
24 tructure and improving the equitability of outcomes for migrant populations;

25 4. *Calls on* Member States to create accessible pathways through which migrants may obtain health insurance
26 through existing programs for both emergency and preventative care;

27 5. *Calls for* the expansion of assessment and treatment options in terms of specific health conditions that
28 migrants may face;

29 6. *Calls on* Member States to facilitate discussion between hospitals, medical institutions and departments
30 so as to further disseminate common information to the benefit of the people.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions