



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 *Acknowledging* Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which outlines the rights of indi-
2 viduals to have access to adequate medical care,

3 *Recognizing* the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with emphasis on the third goal, which aims “to
4 provide universal healthcare worldwide by 2030,” according to resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015,

5 *Acknowledging* the definition of a migrant by the UN Migration Agency as “any person who is moving or
6 has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence’,

7 *Reaffirming* the UN’s commitments to health and equity for migrants as outlined in documents such as
8 the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (resolution 71/1 of 19 September 2016) and the 2nd Global
9 Consultation on Migrant Health: Resetting the Agenda,

10 1. *Reaffirms* the World Health Organization’s commitment to ethically meet the health and safety needs of
11 migrants around the globe;

12 2. *Reinforces* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ commitment to recognizing every human, regard-
13 less of migrant status, as a person before international law;

14 3. *Urges* Member States to uphold the same rights of privacy and informed consent for migrants that they
15 do for citizens;

16 4. *Calls upon* the International Organization for Migration and approved non-governmental organizations
17 (NGOs) to promote migrant health through the implementation of a regional information campaign called Healthcare
18 Opportunities for Migrants Everywhere (HOME) that will educate migrants on:

19 (a) Detailed ways to receive proper and adequate health care for physical and mental health;

20 (b) Informed consent laws and rights to privacy in host states;

21 5. *Encourages* the empowerment of migrants through information access and increased NGO influence to
22 migrant populations;

23 6. *Emphasizes* the education of migrants about informed consent and rights to privacy under the Universal
24 Declaration of Human Rights;

25 7. *Urges* Member States to actively reduce language barriers within migrant populations to allow for in-
26 creased access to healthcare resources in alignment with the third SDG of Good Health and Well Being as well the
27 tenth goal of Reduced Inequalities, as outlined in resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, and as such:

28 (a) *Recommends* Member States have translation resources provided for migrants at healthcare
29 facilities, either through cooperation with NGOs or local domestic services;

30 (b) *Advises* Member States to provide accessible resources such as translational opportunities or
31 information packets.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions