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American Model United Nations

Commission on Population and Development

CPD/II/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Adolescents and youth

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Expressing deep concern about the detriment of the health of youth populations globally,

Recognizing that when the well-being of the youth is not properly accounted for, the ever-growing youth and adolescent population will become a liability for Member States,

Recalling Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which asserts that all individuals have the right to set standards of living, including the right to health,

Reaffirming the right to health, which ensures access to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health,

8 Acknowledging the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the deterioration of mental health of adolescents, 9 whose social development has been halted due to quarantines, school closures and unemployment,

Commending the work that the United Nations Population Fund Agency (UNFPA) has done in terms of promoting sexual education across the world,

Emphasizing the role of Sustainable Development Goal 3, which is aimed at ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being in all ages,

Noting with concern the epidemic of sexually transmitted infections such as HIV/AIDS, which disproportionately impacts youth and adolescent populations, specifically those between the ages of 13 through 24 around the world and additionally affects development,

- 1. Addresses the need for health care access to citizens in all Member States, especially adolescent and youth populations;
 - 2. Encourages Member States to provide the implementation of nutrition education programs for their youth;
 - 3. Further urges Member States to continue work with appropriate UN systems, State's governments, and non-governmental organizations to supply nutritious food to developing countries and food deserts who may not have easy access to nutritious foods;
- 4. Encourages Member States to continue to work with the UNFPA to increase access to quality sexual education;
- 5. Calls for an increase in the collaboration between the private sector and the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) by:
- 27 (a) Working hand in hand with UNAIDS to fund programmes that increase the access to antiretro-28 viral treatment for youth infected with HIV;
 - (b) Increasing education in the workplace through workshops about safe sex;
- 30 (c) Battling stigma about HIV/AIDS, which might impact the employability of youth who are HIV 31 positive;
 - (d) Funding the provision of contraceptives;
- 6. Supports the World Health Organization's recommendation of at least an accumulative of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily;
- 7. Requests Member States work to increase the provision of facilities that will permit adolescents to meet the aforementioned target;

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8. Calls upon Member States to increase, or dedicate, a portion of their budget on health care that will focus entirely on the health of adolescents.

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