



American Model United Nations
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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health (2016-2030)

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Assembly

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1 *Noting with appreciation* the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and in par-
2 ticular SDG 3: Health and Well-Being, SDG 5: Gender Equality, and SDG 10: Reducing Inequalities,

3 *Denouncing* the destruction of hospitals and healthcare facilities in the midst of conflict, which
4 disproportionately affects women, adolescents and children,

5 *Recognizing* the UN Women Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and the United Nations Mental Health and
6 Well-Being Strategy,

7 *Acknowledging* the United Nations Global Compact Forward Faster's Living Wage Targets in
8 Forward Faster,

9 *Bringing attention to* the lack of full coverage of essential health services to more than half of
10 the global population, disproportionately impacting women, adolescents and children,

11 *Alarmed by* the exacerbated strain on healthcare infrastructure for women, children and ado-
12 lescents caused by global refugee crises,

13 *Expressing concern for* the lack of healthcare infrastructure in rural areas, in which four in five
14 people are living in extreme poverty live and more than half are deprived of critical healthcare access
15 according to the World Health Organization (WHO) (2021) and the International Labour Organization
16 (2015),

17 *Urging* peaceful collaboration in pursuit of safety and security for innocent women, adolescents
18 and children,

19 *Expressing concern* about the prevalence of easily preventable maternal mortality, stillbirths
20 and childhood mortality in low-income countries,

21 *Acknowledging* the need for general improvement of vaccination, sanitation and public health
22 infrastructure,

23 *Noting with appreciation of* the historic multilateral effort, COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access
24 (COVAX), led by non-governmental organizations and administered by the WHO and the United Na-
25 tions Children's Fund (UNICEF) from 2020 through 2023 to accelerate the development and manufac-
26 ture of COVID-19 vaccines and to guarantee fair and equitable access for every Member State through
27 donations,

28 1. *Calls for* increased protection of health infrastructure from conflict for the benefit of women,
29 children and adolescents disproportionately affected by ongoing unrest that:

30 (a) *Enlarges* already established designations of health infrastructure with signage clearly
31 demarcating the Red Cross or United Nations relief centers;

32 (b) *Suggests* expanding communication between conflict-neutral healthcare liaisons,
33 appointed by the WHO, parties to any conflict in designated areas for health infrastructure and the
34 healthcare professionals arriving to the designated areas;

35 (c) *Calls on* willing and able United Nations Member States to assist in this goal with re-
36 sources, such as donating excess Personal Protection Equipment, non-perishable foodstuffs and cloth-
37 ing and shoes;

38 2. *Urgently implores* the building and rebuilding of healthcare facilities which are located in
39 urban, suburban, peri-urban and rural areas:

40 (a) *Provides* for the basic needs, as defined by the United Nations' Global Compact For-
41 ward Faster Living Wage Targets, of all people within a twenty-five mile radius of the facilities;

42 (b) *Includes* facilities for dentistry and eye care where there is a tangible lack thereof;

43 (c) *Provides* adequate inventory, space, personnel and facilities allocated for the spe-
44 cific purpose of mental healthcare and outreach;

45 (d) *Recommends providing* centers for culturally sensitive education and outreach for
46 the prevention of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and drug abuse;

47 (e) *Trains* medical professionals with up-to-date information for both long-term and
48 emergency healthcare;

49 (f) *Allows* for the implementation of specialized education programs on maternal and
50 adolescent health for primary healthcare providers to improve service delivery;

51 (g) *Emphasizes* that these resources ought not fall into the hands of hostile non-state
52 actors, but its construction should not be denied merely due to the presence of such actors;

53 3. *Urges* the inclusion of women in nation-building, public health policymaking and the creation
54 of healthcare infrastructure for the benefit of all:

55 (a) *Recommends* hosting healthcare-related talks and workshops directed to women,
56 promoting and increasing their knowledge of the topic, with the support of the United Nations Educa-
57 tional, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to develop culturally tailored and aware educa-
58 tional materials and provide structural guidance for these initiatives;

59 (b) *Calls on* United Nations Member States to implement mechanisms to ensure wom-
60 ens' active inclusion in decision-making processes at the healthcare level, focusing on policy develop-
61 ment, budget allocation and program implementation, to address women's unique healthcare needs
62 effectively;

63 4. *Encourages* willing and able organizations and Member States to provide resources directed
64 to low-income countries with high refugee populations in order to bolster local healthcare services for
65 women, children and adolescents:

66 (a) *Calls on the WHO* to reinvigorate their efforts into existing domestic healthcare sys-
67 tems with the specific intention of reducing healthcare disruptions to citizens in refugee-accepting
68 countries;

69 (b) *Encourages* providing specific support for neonatal care for expecting and new moth-
70 ers;

71 5. *Seeks* the creation of a vaccine redistribution program, like COVAX, to address vaccine dis-
72 tribution gaps:

73 (a) *Encourages* willing and able Member States to manage this redistribution through
74 sale at a discounted price or donation without harming the prospects of local merchants and therefore
75 domestic economies of the Member States;

76 (b) *Further encourages the WHO* to strive for the same efficiency level of the COVAX
77 initiative when putting together logistics and resources;

78 (c) *Hopes* to bring increased awareness, support and quality of the distribution of vaccine-
79 related preventative healthcare campaigns and resources, such as medicines for the Human Immun-
80 odeficiency Virus and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS);

81 (d) *Affirms* the importance of vaccinations being provided to vulnerable populations,
82 specifically young children and pregnant mothers;

83 6. *Calls for* the establishment of education centers for children and adolescents, to educate
84 the youth:

85 (a) *Suggests* a focus on medical subfields, such as chemistry and biology, for the pur-
86 poses of increased health and well-being as well as encouraging such individuals to enter into the
87 healthcare field, including connecting trainees to international careers which will promote free trade
88 global healthcare intelligence;

89 (b) *Stresses* informing children and adolescents of the importance of healthcare, health,
90 local issues and sanitation;

91 (c) *Encourages* distilling information on endemic healthcare career opportunities through
92 career centers that will prepare participants in nursing and logistical subjects;

93 (d) *Promotes* the encouragement of A Healthy Diet, as defined by the United Nations,
94 specifically for the reduction of malnutrition and its symptoms in young children and pregnant and
95 nursing mothers.

Passed, Yes: 23 / No: 16 / Abstain: 20