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Topic: Treatment and Prevention of HIV/AIDS

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Alarmed by the World Health Organization (WHO) HIV/AIDS database stating that 36.9 million people are living with HIV throughout the world,

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Bearing in mind Article 25 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1948) that affirms the right to have adequate access to medical care,

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Deeply concerned with highly at-risk demographics facing medical discrimination within regional and local medical services, as stated in the Joint United Nations Programs on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) publication (41)/17.27 (2017),

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Affirming UNAIDS and their 90-90-90 Strategy targets to be implemented by 2030, which strives to promote treatment for all who have been infected by HIV,

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Recognizing General Assembly resolution 72/179 (2017), guaranteeing the protection, health, and human rights of migrants against all possible unnecessary risks, including HIV/AIDS,

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Acknowledging the WHO guidelines on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMCT) which can reduce transmission rates to 5% during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and breastfeeding,

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Emphasizing the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance's main goal, which is free and accessible HIV testing, and the WHO's goals to prevent HIV/AIDS by working within medical clinics,

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1. Calls upon Member States to better implement the UNAIDS 90-90-90 Strategy by focusing future efforts in addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic by recognizing the interconnection between infection rates and knowledge of HIV status in order to better facilitate treatment for all those who have been infected;

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Recommends the extension of PMCT programs, which provides services and resources to mothers and children who test positive for HIV specifically by providing antenatal HIV testing, antiretroviral treatment for mothers and newborns, and assisting and promoting safer infant feeding options by:

a. Ensuring that infants receive follow-up care, and providing information on various breastfeeding options, such as replacement breastfeeding or exclusive breastfeeding to be spearheaded by the United Nations Children's Fund:

b. Providing follow-up care for infants, who may be HIV positive or at risk of being HIV positive, specifically by having infants and their mothers visit medical facilities overseen by community health workers to assess if their nutritional value is sufficient and ensure that opportunistic infections do not arise;

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c. Expanding the Optimizing HIV Treatment Access Initiative, which distributes antiretroviral treatment or antiretroviral prophylaxis interventions to mothers who test positive and have newborns take this within six weeks of being born and continued for four months to decrease the risk of transmission through breastfeeding;

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3. *Endorses* Member States to collaborate with each other in order to create specific health care policies, under the guidance of UNAIDS, that ensure medical privacy so that everyone has unhindered access to healthcare by:

- a. Developing health service delivery protocols that focus on privacy and protection of human rights in relation to HIV status;
- b. Increasing access to healthcare for vulnerable minorities that historically have been disproportionately affected:
- c. Encouraging community representatives to participate in the development of the protocol, along with representatives from academia, government and the private sector;
- 4. *Further recommends* that Member States emphasize the human rights and health of immigrants and native populations by following preexisting WHO guidelines when diagnostically testing highly at-risk individuals;
- 5. *Suggests* Member States partner with local non-governmental organizations to provide self-testing kits at little to no cost to the patient by ensuring that there are enough mobile clinics for all the regions that have been adversely affected by HIV/AIDS.



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Reaffirming the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, which emphasizes education, treatment, research, and mitigation of the epidemic,

Recognizing the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS which addresses the related issues of discrimination, gender inequality and state capacity to provide adequate health care, and the disproportionate effects of the epidemic on sub-Saharan Africa, trade issues that create barriers to treatment, and the importance of preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and any possible limitations placed on an individual's health,

Guided by Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being, and universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support,

Emphasizing the work that has been done by the Pan American Health Association in diagnosing and treating those with HIV/AIDS,

Acknowledging that 25% of people living with HIV did not know their status in 2018, as recorded by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) 2018 factsheet,

Stressing the importance of the UNAIDS Fast Track strategy goal of 200,000 or fewer new HIV infections, zero discrimination for treatment, and 95-95-95 for 2030,

Recalling the 2011 General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS where the General Assembly adopted resolution 65/277, titled "Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS," which contains new targets and calls on Member States to redouble efforts to achieve universal access,

Taking note of the importance of Youth Advocate's work of educating youth on HIV/AIDS reproductive health topics, such as prevention, treatment and response to provide the most effective awareness education possible,

Highlighting General Assembly resolution 54/283, which highlights the many aspects of HIV/AIDS, including but not limited to providing medical care, psychological care, awareness programs, educational programs, and health service training,

Understanding the most-at-risk populations (MARPs) are in need of practical strategies for HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and eradication,

Cognizant of the need for structure and sustainability in the implementation of HIV/AIDS care.

Recognizing the lack of knowledge on what an HIV status means and diseases in general leading to stigmatization in certain parts of society,

Taking note of World AIDS Day, December 1st, as a platform to promote and bring awareness on HIV on a global

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- 1. *Encourages* Member States to utilize programs and organizations already in effect like UNAIDS to promote the global effort to fight against HIV/AIDS on top of regional and local efforts, with a focus on protecting vulnerable groups from the adverse effects of HIV/AIDS and reducing the stigma of the disease;
- Requests that Member States take action in preventing HIV/AIDS by removing legal barriers to access HIV prevention services or activities that put people at a higher risk of contracting HIV by:

- a. Ensuring protection against sexual and gender-based violence for the safety of all citizens;
- b. Advocating for policy frameworks that allow equal opportunity for education and adequate access to sexual health resources:
- Endorses UNAIDS collaboration with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to encourage community
  dialogue to inform and sensitize the community about the dangers of HIV/AIDS through public service
  announcements and media campaigns;
- 4. *Calls for* Member States to ensure the early detection of people who have a greater chance of being infected with HIV/AIDS, especially those from urban areas who are most likely at risk of being affected, by collaborating with the WHO to provide antibody/antigen combination tests;
- 5. *Recommends* that Member States expand on programs similar to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Act Against AIDS Initiative to emphasize the link between tuberculosis and HIV to establish continuity of care for patients, as it is the primary cause of death for HIV patients;
- 6. *Encourages* the WHO to advocate the establishment of an umbrella organization of NGOs that focus on the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS on a local level;
- 7. *Promotes* the creation of a new UNAIDS Campaign named HAVE-HOPE, the Humanitarian Alliance for the Validation of Education Measures of HIV/AIDS to Increase Prevention and Eradication, thereby creating a framework for partnership and specific implementation by:
  - a. Establishing a campaign under UNAIDS with collaborations with NGOs and civil service organizations (CSOs) focused on performing specific studies on MARPs and developing strategies unique to these situations;
  - b. Developing strategies and implementing them within the areas of MARPs and offering them programs that would increase access to pertinent education, testing, and treatment;
- 8. *Invites* Member States to create or increase voluntary counseling and testing centers that are regulated by UNAIDS based on populations size;
- 9. *Recommends* Member States to take part in expanding the UNAIDS campaign "Ending AIDS: Progress Towards the 95–95–95 Targets" in order to achieve a more collaborative response to the 2030 agenda;
- 10. *Emphasizes* the need for Member States to further implement youth education programs and recommends Youth Advocates' *Advocating for Adolescent Reproductive Health in Sub-Saharan Africa Toolkit* as a model to increase educational efforts about HIV/AIDS in younger populations to prevent the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS;
- 11. Suggests Member States to collaborate with CSOs to increase regular community forums to encourage HIV/AIDS discussion and education on a municipal level to decrease the community stigma around HIV/AIDS;
- 12. Expresses its hope that Member States will collaborate with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and
   Malaria in order to increase HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs;
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100 13. Encourages international organizations to create and promote support groups that can help with the 101 psychological aspect of living with HIV/AIDS; 102 103 14. Promotes the minimization of the disproportionate effects of HIV/AIDS on MARPs by encouraging the 104 expansion of: 105 a. UNITAID's Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission of HIV programs which funds prevention 106 107 measures that includes testing, antiretroviral treatment, medicines to cure opportunistic infections and 108 ready-to-use therapeutic foods for mother and children; 109 110 b. WHO's guides to starting and managing needle and syringe programmes, which will help create 111 efficient needle management programmes and facilities to decrease the spread of HIV/AIDS between intravenous drug users; 112 113 114 The collaborative guide between WHO, the United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Development Programme, UNAIDS and the World Bank titled Implementing Comprehensive 115 HIV/Sexually Transmitted Infections Programmes with Sex Workers, which is a large-scale 116 implementation guide to decrease the negative stigma of HIV/AIDS transmission among sex workers 117 while also increasing treatment plans; 118 119 120 d. Projects that demonstrate how HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART) can be implemented within prison 121 settings, such as Uganda's Prison Service, in collaboration with the CDC, which delivers ART to those 122 incarcerated and affected by HIV/AIDS 123 124 15. Further invites Member States to collaborate annually on December 1st to shed light on the HIV/AIDS 125 epidemic for World AIDS Day, as dictated by the WHO, to: 126 127 Raise awareness about HIV/AIDS in order to mend the gap between populations who are affected by 128 HIV/AIDS and those who are not; 129 130 b. Encourage WHO, UNAIDS and participating Member States to provide HIV test kits to prevent 131 advancement of HIV into AIDS; 132 133 c. Provide outreach and education of HIV/AIDS prevention options to the community.



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> Recalling the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS adopted by the General Assembly, and that HIV/AIDS is a global emergency that needs attention from all nations of the United Nations,

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Further recalling the previous resolutions of the World Health Assembly (WHA) on the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS,

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Bearing in mind the commitment to taking all appropriate steps to eliminate new HIV infections among children and ensure that their mothers' health and well-being are sustained through immediate and lifelong treatment, including for pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV, through early infant diagnosis,

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Recognizing that sex workers are a vulnerable population, especially considering that they are thirteen times more likely to contract HIV/AIDS,

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Acknowledging that providing aid to sex workers is imperative to treating and preventing HIV/AIDS,

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Recalling the Condom Programming for HIV Prevention implemented by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health,

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Understanding that a high number of HIV/AIDS transmissions come from injectable drug use,

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Reaffirming the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Do No Harm report's operational recommendation 1, to ensure that all people who inject drugs, including people in prisons and other closed settings, have access to harm reduction services to prevent HIV infection, including needle-syringe programs,

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Recalling the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS adopted by the General Assembly, that HIV/AIDS is a global emergency that needs attention from all Member States, and the commitment to taking all appropriate steps to eliminate new HIV infections among children and ensure that their mothers' health and well-being are sustained through immediate and lifelong treatment, including for pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV.

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Reaffirming Sustainable Development Goal 3 to end the epidemic of HIV/AIDS by 2030,

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Recognizing that sex work is not a legal practice in many nations but seeing these infected people as citizens in need of assistance,

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Recalling the 61st WHA, which acknowledged that breast milk is healthier and safer to use than formula for the development and growth of all children,

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Emphasizing the importance of mothers and children affected by HIV/AIDS to have accessibility to medical centers,

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1. Encourages a multilateral partnership between non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations, and Member States to increase access to condoms and self-testing kits especially in developing Member States by:

- 46 a. Partnering with the UNFPA to implement a condom caravan program, which would provide sex 47 workers free access to condoms in addition to HIV/AIDS testing kits: 48 49 b. Expanding condom use promotions to educate local communities on the importance of safe sex 50 practices: 51 52 Encouraging Member States to emphasize condom availability in government programs and at health 53 care providers; 54 55 d. Providing kits as additional support tools by including demonstrations and audiovisual aids to meet the 56 needs of different individuals with different levels of education: 57 58 e. Assuring Member States realize HIV self-testing should not be utilized simultaneously with 59 antiretroviral therapy due to the risk of false negative HIV results; 60 61 Providing those that are HIV-positive with self-testing results in a facility-based setting to confirm 62 their test results and other support services; 63 64 2. Recommends the development of an intensive clean needle program in rural areas in order to allow safer usage 65 of injectable substances by: 66 Providing a safe environment for those who are suffering from drug addiction to receive sterile 67 68 injections for medical and recreational use by acknowledging that addiction is a mental illness, so providing safe alternatives for those dealing with this illness as to not spread HIV is of the utmost 69 70 importance; 71 72 73 74
  - b. Creating centers in urban, suburban, and rural areas in order to serve the greatest amount of people to supply these clean needles, especially acknowledging that in rural, developing countries this will be a challenge to implement;
  - c. Reducing the stigma surrounding drug addiction and being empathetic and willing to help those suffering from addiction by promoting open and judgement-free centers;
  - Suggests the creation and development of breast milk banks in those nations most heavily affected by HIV/AIDS in order to specifically fight against mother to child transmission by:

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- a. Using regional organizations to implement these banks by accepting donations of breast milk from HIV free mothers;
- b. Testing donors to ensure that these banks are offering clean breast milk to support children of infected mothers:
- c. Building these banks not only in urban areas, but also in rural areas so all people have access to these breast milk banks;
- d. Having WHO, UNAIDS, and UNFPA fund the breast milk bank initiative;
- 4. Promotes the expansion of women and children's medical centers in order to provide effective care to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS as well as lifetime treatment for those already affected by:
  - a. Partnering with different regional foundations that will provide a means of funding the construction of new medical centers;

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100			medical centers, which will ensure saving costs on staffing;
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102		c.	Working with local community organizations to promote new openings and educate locals about the
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105	5.	Further	Recommends that the WHA, WHO and the International Telecommunication Union work together to
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108		a.	Protecting the privacy and personal health information of every person living with HIV;
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110		b.	Including provider referral in which a provider directly notifies partners and dual referral where the
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113		c.	Offering partner notification services to individuals living with HIV regularly.



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 Affirming the Declaration of Commitment to HIV/AIDS which established effective guidelines and mechanisms about education and treatments for HIV/AIDS,

Emphasizes the importance to implement a preventative treatment which combats HIV before it develops into AIDS,

*Alarmed by* the fact that there are about 5,000 new HIV infections per day, and approximately 23 percent of those are from sharing needles, as reaffirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO),

*Recalling* the objective of the WHO to ensure the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health and the barriers that prevent Member States from achieving this objective,

Respecting the sovereignty of Member States while maintaining the security of citizens, and the need for state sovereignty in ending the international spread of HIV/AIDS and tailoring solutions to each regional issue, Recommending that Member States take proactive measures to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS at their border,

*Recognizing* that economic, systemic development and other resource-based barriers exist, preventing Member States from providing widespread antiretroviral therapy (ART) and other proven HIV treatments for infected individuals to decrease HIV/AIDS transmission,

- 1. *Encourages* the creation of the United Nations Expedited National Distribution and International Database Strengthening (ENDAIDS) Framework, which will act as a standardized framework of effective prevention and treatment methods against HIV/AIDS, a dynamic statistics interface to further current efforts of combating HIV/AIDS, and a guideline for Member States to use on an international level by:
  - a. Continuing cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations bodies, and other organizations such as the African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control in order to help finance and implement initiatives and guidelines;
  - Supporting the widespread implementation of preventative treatments, such as pre-exposure
    prophylaxis and other proven HIV treatments in the fight against HIV/AIDS through funds provided
    by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS;
  - c. Encouraging all Member States to implement HIV prevention measures such as:
    - i. Providing anti-retroviral and prophylaxis therapy to fight mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS;
    - Collaborating with the United Nations Children's Fund through their Inter-Agency Task
      Force for Prevention and Treatment of HIV Infection in Pregnant Women, Mother and
      Children to ensure these treatments will be provided;
  - d. Establishing an awareness campaign focused on providing vulnerable populations with education, resources, and alternative treatment options such as:

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- i. Using current media outlets in the Member State to promote social responsibility for individuals and encourage safe practices that lower the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission:
- ii. Increasing media outputs through current WHO channels and marketing campaigns, and encouraging NGOs and member states to adopt these resources to communicate this information on a national, regional, and local level;
- iii. Using current media outlets in the Member State to promote social responsibility for individuals that encourages safe practices that lower the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission;
- e. Developing infrastructure and procedures in medical facilities that advances sterility by:
  - i. Distributing blood-screening machinery to prevent HIV transmission via blood transfusion;
  - ii. Continuing the work of promulgating implement disinfection procedures and extending essential sanitation standards to target HIV transmission via medical facility;
  - iii. Prioritizing the maintenance of medical provisions across the Member State;
- f. Further supporting alternative treatment options focused on injection drug users with the goal of minimizing transmission amongst the population through programs with outlines similar to opioid substitution therapy and clean needle and syringe programs, such as Avert, which allow for intravenous drug users to have access to sterile needles and other drug paraphernalia provided by the state and/or public-private partnerships at little to no cost, thereby increasing the overall access these vulnerable populations have to health;
- g. Suggesting that Member States offer health resources to incoming migrants, including HIV/AIDS testing, to prevent the further spread of disease and provide access to ART for affected migrants;
- h. Implementing the dynamic statistics interface to concisely identify the most effective treatment for HIV/AIDS within the boundaries of each Member State;
- Calling upon the Global Fund to fight Tuberculosis, Malaria and AIDS to fund the creation of the ENDAIDS database.



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3	Recognizing the need to encourage improvement in treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS,
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Acknowledging that stigma against those with HIV/AIDS discourages adequate awareness of facts surrounding HIV/AIDS, and prevents proper testing and treatment,

*Recognizing* the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago's National Strategic Plan for Treatment and Prevention of HIV/AIDS as a guideline for increasing the number of testing facilities as well as providing same day services,

*Reinforcing* the 90-90-90 Strategy set forth by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), which asks for Member States to take preventative measures to ensure that 90 percent of people living with HIV are diagnosed, 90 percent of diagnosed individuals have access to antiretroviral treatment (ART), and 90 percent on ART showing viral suppression,

*Reaffirming* the action plan laid out by the Sustainable Development Goal 3, Target 3, and the 2016 United Nations *Political Statement on Ending AIDS*, which aim to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030,

*Relating* stigmatization, discrimination and lack of education associated with HIV to the UNAIDS report stating that over 11 million individuals are unaware of their status,

Encouraging further research into HIV/AIDS, as declared in the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,

Concerned with the limited access to antiviral drugs such as PEP/PrEP due to high cost, as well as successful financial assistance programs overseen by both government and private-sector based organizations,

1. *Calls upon* the World Health Organization (WHO) to create educational programs in developing regions who lack the access to educational facilities by:

a. Decreasing the stigma around HIV/AIDS by:

 i. Emphasizing that the contraction of HIV is not a death sentence, the variety of treatments available, and how to access them;

 ii. Noting that HIV/AIDS is not a disease that is specific to any certain group(s) or region(s);

 b. Promoting the creation of infographics, online resources, or other means of education with UNAIDS to distribute within Member States;

 concentrated and underrepresented populations by:

a. Calling upon the WHO to institute a "Let's Talk About It" initiative within each Member State and

2. Emphasizes the promotion of an informative and effective approach to worldwide awareness, targeting both

 a. Calling upon the WHO to institute a "Let's Talk About It" initiative within each Member State and setting forth an inclusive advancement for all demographics, irrespective of race, religion, and gender, by:

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- i. Aiming to eliminate negative ideas and beliefs such as uncleanliness, shame, and inequality; ii. Work to ensure equal and affordable access to treatment through non-discriminative facilities;
- iii. Encourage populations to check their HIV status more regularly in an effort to allow individuals the opportunity to make mindful decisions in regards to their status;
- Recommending to the body, where legal, the medical amnesty of sex workers under the oversight of Member States' governments and state-sponsored organizations;
- Further recommending Member States, where legal, to apply any revenue created by sex workers to fund safe sex educational programs in local communities;
- 3. Encourages Member States to provide more accessibility to antiretroviral treatment to its citizens through collaborations between the public and private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and voluntary donations from the other Member States, including through:
  - Implementing mobile clinics by transforming food trucks into mobile healthcare vehicles or any means of creation of mobile services that can move to areas who have less access to treatment facilities;
  - Creating mail-in services of home self-testing kits in order to determine HIV status to increase the accessibility for people who do not access healthcare services;
  - Endorsing the financing of NGOs that aim to provide access to treatment for impoverished and marginalized groups;
- 4. Asserts that negative jargon present in legal documents that disproportionately HIV-affected groups normally sign or are subject to should be removed in order to combat the social and economic discrimination they experience by:
  - Empowering WHO to identify discriminatory language in legal agreements between individuals and private or public firms that pertain to the livelihood of HIV/AIDS individuals, including employment, housing, and healthcare, and request that Member States encourage said firms to reword contracts and provisions to withdraw any wordage that portrays persons living with HIV/AIDS as unclean or undesirable;
  - b. Understanding that through the refutation of stigmas surrounding the virus by rewording these legal documents, its dissemination will continue to be reduced while its treatment will expand and improve;
- Further recommends WHO support local NGOs and civil society organizations in an effort to create a greater understanding of the epidemic through:
  - Creating awareness-raising campaigns on how HIV/AIDS is spread, the prevalence of the virus, and those living with the virus;

101 b. Providing knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS to teachers and community leaders who will combat 102 misconstrued cultural perceptions of its transmission and persons diagnosed with the virus; 103 104 Educating vulnerable populations on the responsible and adequate use of needles and treatment care; 105 106 Supports education and training for global medical staff in HIV testing, treatment, and care while cultivating 107 high-level medical talent who are responsible for the research and development of AIDS treatment and new 108 drugs through: 109 110 a. Including the reason why sex education is required, how sex education is carried out, and the specific content of sex education in different countries depending on the different circumstances; 111 112 b. Encouraging Member States to voluntarily contribute to nonprofit organizations, such as Doctors 113 Without Borders and MED-LIFE, in order to provide medical treatment and training for developing 114 115 countries through the collaboration of local medical providers effectively treating those infected with 116 HIV/AIDS; 117 118 7. Emphasizes the incorporation of technology by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development 119 as a means of data collection and surveillance of HIV incidence to create a working transnational database, 120 which extends to: 121 122 a. Following the model of the International Epidemiology Databases to Evaluate AIDS (IeDEA) initiative 123 of compiling data from regional centers of Member States in the western hemisphere through using 124 cohort studies, as well as public and private clinics, to analyze and treat HIV; 125 b. Diagnosing HIV/AIDS through biotechnology and the biology of infectious organisms generally, and 126 specifically about advances in basic research in the area of HIV in impoverished rural areas; 127 128 129 c. Prescribing antiretroviral drugs through innovations, such as smartphones; 130 d. Propagating the education of HIV/AIDS through e-learning institutions on HIV/AIDS prevention; 131 132 133 Designating UNAIDS to receive reports and compile them within the database for reference; 134 135 8. Expresses its hope that all Member States form a worldwide project similar to Self-Testing Africa Research by: 136 137 a. Using design to promote awareness, funding, research, and access to self-testing kits for hard-to-reach 138 populations, including youth and women; 139 140 b. Encouraging the creation of similar programs to cater towards other hard-to-reach populations that 141 require equal distribution between genders, races, and ages; 142 Requests the World Health Organization (WHO) to publish policy briefs on discriminatory policies, which shall 143 be backed by scientific facts and data on HIV transmission by: 144 145 Utilizing the WHO's research group on health policy and health systems to look into existing policies 146 147 that put certain groups at a disadvantage in gaining access to HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention 148 methods; 149 150 b. Making use of existing data and research from the WHO and research institutions on HIV/AIDS 151 infections and transmissions to highlight how the virus can be contracted by anyone through multiple 152 modes; 153 154 Describing the problem of discrimination and counterproductivity on policies that prohibit certain groups from gaining access to treatment and prevention methods for HIV/AIDS with the use of the 155 information gathered; 156

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158	d.	Addressing legislators, governments, healthcare institutions, the academe, and the private sector
159		regarding policies that have been found as discriminatory and counterproductive;
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161	e.	Reiterating the right to health of all citizens regardless of age, gender, and economic and social status;
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163	f.	Providing possible solutions and countermeasures to better address the eradication of HIV as well as
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The World Health Assembly,

Determined that the international community needs to intensify efforts addressing the complex barriers of increasing treatment accessibility globally, thereby minimizing discrimination and virus exposure through the improvement of economic and educational opportunities,

Acknowledging the success of China's pragmatic approach to AIDS, as recognized in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization (WHO), that recognizes the well-made progress towards responding to the epidemic in the region,

*Referring* to the relevant articles on universal coverage and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which often state that Member States must work towards decreasing HIV/AIDS rates of people who contract it through contaminated blood donations,

Recalling the Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV for 2016-2020 towards Ending AIDS and the Global Action Plan on HIV Drug Resistance for 2017-2021,

*Understanding* that people who engage in drug use or high-risk behaviors associated with drug use put themselves at risk when people inject drugs and share needles or other drug equipment, for contracting or transmitting viral infections such as HIV/AIDS.

*Recalling* the WHO Global Database on Blood Safety, which states that developed countries have a safer blood supply network than undeveloped high HIV risk countries,

Appreciating the initiative of countries who have been allocating a budget percentage every year to fund prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, and recalling Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) resolution 2009/6,

*Noting* the new methods of opioid substitution therapy (OST) and needle and syringe programs (NSPs) will lower the risk of HIV infections from shared needles and improves access to antiretroviral therapy (ART),

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/266, which reaffirms the commitment to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic and acknowledges the importance of regional bodies in fighting the spread of HIV and AIDs by 2030,

Appreciating the success of programs, including those run by non-governmental organizations such as Avert, to address barriers so those already living with HIV can exercise their right to long term good health and wellbeing, free from stigma and discrimination, regardless of their status, sexuality, age or ethnicity,

*Recognizing* the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for opioid addiction treatment as methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone,

- 1. *Calls* for the continuation and strengthening of international blood collections and supply networks such as the International Federation of Blood Donor Organization to ensure blood safety under the circumstances where:
- a. All donated blood must be screened before being considered available for donation;

48 donation by five percent, and provide this increase to international blood banks, whereas: 49 50 States that do not meet the five percent increase in blood supply may engage in trade with i. 51 countries that may have a comparative advantage for supplying blood; 52 States that are able to produce over the five percent increase may engage in fair trade with ii. 53 countries that are willing to meet the five percent increase and have not yet done so; 54 55 2. Encourages a voluntary domestic budget reallocation from participating Member States who may: 56 57 a. Provide support to international organizations, envisioning the expansion of international blood banks; 58 59 b. Invest domestically, using China's example of reallocating a small percentage of its gross domestic 60 product towards the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS; 61 62 Requests Member States increase the number of clean needles distributed publicly for people who inject 63 intravenous drugs to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS by: 64 65 Utilizing already established programs and commissions such as the Avert needle and syringe program; 66 67 68 b. Providing these institutions with more personnel to expand their efforts and reach; 69 70 Suggesting Member States to provide 150 needles per person, which can be further expanded to 200 71 needles, as suggested by the WHO; 72 73 Suggesting national and internal tax exemptions to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who 74 successfully contribute and distribute in accordance with the 150-needle plan; 75 76 Encouraging access to these clean needles in local drug treatment centers at less than a 50-mile radius 77 of patients; 78 79 Encourages Member States to provide community and prison bleach programs using the Canadian HIV/AIDS 80 Legal Network as an example to ensure the cleanliness of those who reuse needles by: 81 82 Ensuring those who reuse needles have access to clean, safe needles in order to prevent the spread of 83 disease; 84 85 Suggesting national and internal tax exemption to NGOs who successfully contribute and distribute 86 bleach programs; 87 88 5. Further encourages Member States to recognize NGOs that are willing to contribute to the goal of this 89 resolution by: 90 91 a. Nationally recognizing NGOs at local and national events, conferences, and academic discussions 92 within countries; 93

b. States that wish to be eligible for the donations should aim to increase aggregate domestic blood

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7. *Suggest* the legalization of either methadone, buprenorphine or naltrexone in all Member States for the purpose of drug substitution for addicts and those who inject drugs, by:

services, such as hospitals and treatment centers that are funded by a Global Fund grants, UNAIDS, and state

health care budget which expands the inclusion of medical professionals to provide patients with treatment;

6. Recommends extending the public sector health system, by allowing citizens to access OST at all health

to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through clean needle programs;

b. Providing stipends, tax exemptions, and formal public mentions to those organization willing and able

a. Having Member States choose the opioid substation drug that best suits their health care policy;
 b. Facilitating easier access to obtain the opioid substitution drugs by allowing patients to pick up drug at pharmaceutical companies;
 8. Recommends Member States support local business and NGOs, with stipends or tax exemptions, who educate and inform the public of OST programs and provide or take clients to health centers to access medicine and treatment programs.



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**Committee:** World Health Assembly

**Topic:** Treatment and Prevention of HIV/AIDS

1 The World Health Assembly, 2 3 Encouraging progress towards ending the epidemic of HIV/AIDS, as called for by the United Nation's Secretary 4 General, António Guterres, at the General Assembly review of HIV/AIDS, in which he stated that advocacy, 5 solidarity, and commitment is essential in addressing the virus, 6 7 Understanding the need for African Union Member States to collaborate on ideas and solutions to mitigate the 8 prevalence of HIV/AIDS, such as with the Abuja Declaration to work towards providing funds for the health sector, 9 10 Recognizing that as polio eradication efforts wind down, there is potential for a portion of the millions of dollars previously allocated to polio eradication to be redistributed towards establishing a forum for collaboration between 11 African States to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic, 12 13 14 Affirming the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, which places emphasis on supplementary efforts towards 15 treatment, education, and services. 16 17 Recalling the Joint United Nations Program for HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) 2030 goal for 200,000 new HIV 18 infections or fewer, zero discrimination for treatment, and 90-90-90, where 90% of people living with HIV know 19 their HIV status, 90% of people who know their status are receiving treatment and 90% of people on HIV treatment 20 have a suppressed viral load, so their immune system remains strong and the likelihood of their infection being 21 passed on is greatly reduced, 22 23 Emphasizing the importance of antiretroviral drugs to the citizens of African Member States in order to help people

Emphasizing the importance of antiretroviral drugs to the citizens of African Member States in order to help people who do not have the virus but are at risk of infection,

*Taking into consideration* the concern for the increasing number of sexually transmitted diseases within Africa, such as HIV/AIDS, as reported by the World Health Organization's (WHO) African Regional Health Report, in 2005,

- 1. *Recommends* that Member States contribute greater amounts of volunteer services and funds to UNAIDS for the successful execution of their Fast-Track strategy to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030;
- 2. *Establishing* an Access, Awareness, and Acceptance Forum (AAAF) in regards to HIV/AIDS, to ensure that the standards and the rights of all citizens are being met each year over the course of the next 10 years with:
  - a. A mission of fostering an open environment to draft localized African-based solutions for the treatment and prevention of the disease;
  - b. A time span which serves as a trial period to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the AAAF in reaching the UNAIDS 2030 goal to mitigate the impact and communicability of the virus;
  - c. An establishment of the forum through WHO;

- d. A membership consisting of African Union Member States as well as other Member States who assist in funding, raising awareness, and decreasing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS for members of the African Union to, at the very least, 0.2%: *Invites* Member States, outside of the African Union, to collaborate, raise awareness, and provide funding for the AAAF by: Working alongside members of the African Union in non-governmental organizations that specifically focus on HIV/AIDS, communicable disease, and healthcare; b. Drawing the attention of developed Member States who have significantly low prevalence rates of HIV and AIDS to allocate funds and resources to the forum; 4. Encourages awareness through sexual education to all citizens, with an emphasis on sex workers, incarcerated citizens, children, women, as well as LGBTQ citizens by creating a system of regulations and standards that
  - countries are recommended to meet in order to enhance the education of all citizen with government-sourced web pages referencing HIV/AIDS;
  - 5. *Understands* that awareness of prevention methods is lacking and aims for:

- a. Attention to be brought to urban areas where sanitary conditions are poor, through the use of civil society organizations, such as Rwanda's Ministry of Health;
- States to establish funds for education programs geared towards injection drug users (IDUs) and populations at high risk;
- Sterile needles to be more accessible to IDUs through federally funded clinics in urban areas;
- 6. Acknowledges that numerous HIV cases are transmitted non-sexually, and therefore:
  - Calls for increased hospital sterilization and sanitation by establishing a universal guide to clean needle
  - Recommends advanced medical training for healthcare professionals within developing countries in order to prevent HIV transmission via contaminated needles;
  - c. Encourages the education of mothers with HIV/AIDS on the potential risk of mother-to-child transmission:
- 7. Further recommends that Member States draft standards that protect the rights of people with HIV/AIDS in order to destigmatize living with HIV/AIDS;
- 8. Requests that Member States assist in aiding refugees and displaced peoples by:
  - a. Implementing a plan to minimize the spread of HIV/AIDS into Member States that might not have previously been afflicted;
  - b. Reducing the stigma toward HIV/AIDS by educating communities more concerned with transnational migrants, as they may come from places with a high prevalence of the virus;
  - Placing inviolable treatment centers along at-risk zones in order to care for them before they enter a new country;
- 9. Encourages funding from Member States to UNAIDS in efforts to increase accessibility to medical assistance to prevent HIV/AIDS such as pre-exposure prophylaxis to African citizens.



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Committee: World Health Assembly

Topic: Treatment and Prevention of HIV and AIDS

The World Health Assembly,

Recalling key international texts which promote the eradication of HIV/AIDS such as Article 25 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which proclaims the right to an adequate standard of living, Sustainable Development Goal 3 target 3, which aims to eliminate the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030, and the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, which emphasizes the importance of children's human rights,

Bearing in mind the Declaration of Commitment on AIDS, adopted by the General Assembly in 2001, and the ideas it supplies about leadership, prevention, treatment, and support for victims and those vulnerable to the disease,

Taking into consideration the Joint United Nations (UN) Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 90-90-90 treatment targets to increase prevention on a massive scale to cover HIV services, the UNAIDS FastTrack strategy, and the *Ljubljiana Declaration 2.0*, which increases access of HIV/AIDS treatment to underserved communities with a goal to eradicate the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030,

*Reaffirming* the sovereign rights of Member States, as enshrined in the *Charter of the United Nations* (1945), and the need for all countries to implement the commitments the Member State is willing and comfortable to adhere to, consistent with national laws, national development priorities, and international human rights,

*Recognizes* that each Member State faces specific challenges for achieving sustainable development, underscoring special challenges facing the most vulnerable states and, particularly least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing States, as well as the specific challenges facing the middle-income countries, and noting that countries in situations of conflict also need special attention,

*Taking note* of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, Stay Alive, the UN Population Fund, UNAIDS, and the UN Children's Fund, which seek to implement both sexual and reproductive rights into education in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals,

Acknowledging that, according to the World Health Assembly (WHO), 30% of people living with HIV/AIDS need access to HIV testing services and are unaware of their health status, 1 million people die annually from HIV/AIDS, and that there exists a lack of cooperation on migration between Member States which in turn exacerbates burdens on Member States to address issues of HIV/AIDS,

Aware of the high prevalence of HIV among certain populations, such as sex workers and their clients, intravenous drug users, women, incarcerated persons, and men who have sex with men, and that mothers with HIV/AIDS suffer negative consequences due to stigmatization,

Cognizant of Security Council resolution 1983 (2011), which specified the importance of preventing mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT), by the highly prevalent rates which range from 15% and 45% and can occur during labor, pregnancy, breastfeeding, and delivery which are often unknown to the mother, and recalling that the most essential aspect of HIV prevention and detection in the newborn is the maternal history,

Noting with interest General Assembly statement S-26/2 (2001), which refers to media as a supporting mechanism in the awareness of HIV/AIDS in all Member States, and understanding the importance in creating an innovative

media approach to the issue of HIV/AIDS, especially in regards to infrastructural and technological awarenessraising campaigns,

*Noting with deep concern* the lack of treatment for HIV/AIDS comorbidities such as influenza, tuberculosis, and sepsis, which affect individuals with weakened immune systems,

Emphasizing the UNAIDS resolution 2009/6, which prioritizes access to prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, understanding that free or low-cost antiretroviral treatment (ART) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is extremely important in order to substantially reduce the number of people affected with HIV because the current costs of both ART treatment and PrEP medications are too high to be widely implemented in low-income countries

*Noting* that there is a deeply disturbing lack of universal screening of blood to prevent the infection of blood supplies,

Acknowledging the public-private partnerships of the UN with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, endorsed by the General Assembly statement S-26/2 (2001), in order to encourage technology transfer on mutually agreed terms, improve access to medicines in developing countries, and scale up capacity-building and long-lasting infrastructure,

1. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council (HRC) consider the creation and adoption of a Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Persons with Chronic Communicable Diseases, which would call for:

a. Establishing temporary safe zones by the Member States within their borders to enhance further protection of citizens living in HIV which will further aide out cause of decreasing stigma;

b. Initiating an institution overseen in conjunction of the WHO and the HRC, whose focus is mainly on fighting against the stigmatization of high-risk groups such as sex workers, intravenous drug users, women, and incarcerated individuals;

c. Promoting the confidentiality of HIV patient status in clinics within each Member State in order to encourage them to seek screening and therapy;

2. *Encourages* the creation of health programs in order to increase understanding and mitigation of the epidemic by:

*a.* Implementing a new facet of education that begins teaching children about issues on diseases and sexual transmission through:

*i*. The creation of a youth-oriented step-by-step program in order to create an in-depth course on sexual and HIV/AIDS education;

 ii. The promotion of all-inclusive education in order to diminish the negative social stigma associated with HIV/AIDS as well as emphasize such anti-discriminatory policies towards people of all races, socioeconomic status, regardless of incarceration, that are infected with HIV/AIDS;

iii. The creation of teacher training programs to facilitate more discussion on AIDS prevention, which in turn allows developing countries to utilize their already-present educational infrastructures;

b. Decentralizing treatment centers to rural areas to incorporate more populations who would not have access otherwise by adopting an independent coalition established by UNAIDS and overseen by the WHO;

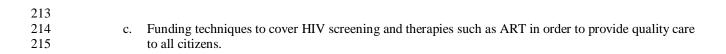
c. Calling upon pertinent education and health reform as an international standard by revising the *International Health Regulations* framework in order to:

i. Reaffirm ideologies on equal-sex fully inclusive education;

101 ii. Accomplish the Sustainable Development Goals regarding health and development; 102 103 d. Declaring an international sexual education day established by the WHO in order to increase 104 awareness, to be placed on the day before Testing Week that the European Union and other 105 governments around the world conduct annually; 106 107 3. Endorses centers dedicated to HIV prevention and protection providing free HIV-positive testing for developing 108 countries, especially all pregnant women, occur, and if the result is positive, providing access to: 109 110 Free treatment with ART, and if ART is against the patient's health, secondary treatment is provided 111 instead: 112 b. Fetus monitoring on their response to the mother's medication, and the immediate proper response if 113 the ARV produces health conditions; 114 115 116 Further evaluation of the child, and provision of treatment; 117 118 4. Suggests UNAIDS provide general access to sanitized medical equipment and emphasize the UN 90-90-90 119 AIDS strategy by: 120 Giving access to safe needle disposal techniques in all healthcare facilities of Member States as well as 121 122 broader access to free, sterile needles as it lessens the possibility of infection; 123 124 b. Calling for increased hospital sterilization and sanitation by establishing a universal guide to clean 125 needle use: 126 Declaring an international sexual education day established by the WHO in order to increase 127 128 awareness to be placed on the day before Testing Week that the European Union and other 129 governments around the world conduct annually; 130 5. Endorses the call for early intervention in PMTCT during the times of pregnancy, labor, and breastfeeding, 131 which studies shows can decrease HIV transmission to less than 1%, and thus: 132 133 134 Suggests that all women receive free testing in HIV treatment centers for HIV/AIDS as soon as they 135 are aware of their pregnancy, including: 136 137 Advocating for Member States to allocate funds to support these measures; i. 138 ii. Providing supplemental funding and budgetary planning for developing countries in the area 139 of testing and treatment of pregnant women; 140 141 Affirms the use of highly active antiretroviral therapy for women, which is the most effective way to 142 mitigate HIV/AID in mothers and newborns through: 143 144 i. Promoting continuous monitoring of the mother, and constant testing arranged to evaluate the 145 effect of ARV; 146 ii. Further promoting fetus monitoring on their response to the mother's medication, and the 147 immediate proper response if the ARV produces health conditions; 148 Supports the 2020 Family Planning programme, which provides protection for mothers and their 149 150 children in regards to HIV/AIDS and gives women options of prevention by including the 151 implementation of midwifery, which ensures the safety and health of the fetus; 152 153 d. Acknowledges the work done by the H6 partnership, which strengthens health and social system 154 capacity and plays a central role in ensuring that financial resources invested in sexual, reproductive, 155 maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health programs are optimally utilized and deliver maximum 156 impact;

b. Encouraging Member States to address cultural traditions and sensitivities in their use of media outlets;

- c. Promoting the use of anthropological information to effectively target the most vulnerable demographics by providing a more informed cultural approach to dealing with ethical and practical issues of HIV/AIDS;
- 7. *Supports* the increase of Member State-mandated monitoring and treatment centers to ensure that migrants entering Member States are properly diagnosed with potential diseases and given the proper treatment by:
  - a. Cooperating with non-governmental organizations, such as Doctors Without Borders or the International Red Cross, to provide logistical and financial support especially to the Member States most in need;
  - b. Member States working within their respective regional blocs to facilitate the sharing of information regarding the migration of people and those infected with HIV/AIDS;
  - c. Working closely with the UN High Commissioner on Refugees to share database about people infected by HIV/AIDS;
- 8. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, not to infer adjudication, to urgently dispatch and independent international Commission of Inquiry, where applicable and with assistance from the World Health Organization to:
  - a. Investigate all facts and circumstances on alleged violations of international human rights law concerning the treatment and delivery of care to persons with HIV/AIDS;
  - b. Investigate issues concerning geographically dispersed persons as to testing and access of care, in order to identify localized issue areas so that they can be better addressed;
  - c. Identify information dispersion, knowledge gaps and supply chain management issues, noting best practices of Member States, to create an approach to better address the holistic HIV/AIDS epidemic;
- 9. Requests that all Member States implement policies that will lower the risk of transmission during blood testing, by mandating a comprehensive and thorough blood screening program in their medical facilities and locations where blood is drawn, that will discover and remove HIV/AIDS-exposed blood from blood banks by encouraging developed Member States to share protocols effective in screening and processing blood to keep it HIV free with Member States that do not have any or adequate access;
- 10. *Recommends* building upon the public-private partnership to create:
  - *a.* Funds specifically for HIV/AIDS to help Member States request monetary assistance to pursue projects, programmers, or frameworks for the prevention, treatment, and eradication of HIV and AIDS;
  - b. A petition form in order for Member States to describe the specific projects or frameworks they have in mind;





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**Committee:** World Health Assembly

Topic: Treatment and Prevention of HIV/AIDS

The World Health Assembly,

affected by HIV/AIDS,

*Recalling* Article 26 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which reaffirms that all humans have the right to life and education,

Emphasizing that protecting infected or vulnerable individuals from human rights violations and discrimination is

crucial in preventing infection and facilitating access to treatments for infected individuals,

Noting with deep concern the economic and developmental threats that are associated with the large population

*Fully aware* that a global standard needs to be met when increasing education standards in middle and lower income countries on HIV/AIDS in accordance with the 90-90-90 goals set by the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), that by the year 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy, and 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression,

*Reinforcing* the essential need for health education programs with a focus on enabling rural and low-income populations and communities lacking transportation, as 95% of those infected with HIV live in developing countries according to the World Health Organization (WHO),

*Noting* the lack of data on rural populations, as outlined in the UNAIDS Gap Report, due to inadequate data collection coupled with discrimination and punitive legal environments, and that data collection and large-scale bioinformatics support adaptive treatment plans for as many patients as possible, according to the International Epidemiology Databases to Evaluate AIDS (IeDEA),

*Urging* the use of information and communication technologies to encourage the spread of information to underdeveloped communities as set by the precedent of the WHO e-health resolution of 2005,

*Recognizing* the relationship between environmental health risks and the spread of HIV/AIDS as established in the United Nations Development Programme-United Nations Environment Programme Poverty Environment Initiative that found a strong correlation between the locations of the rural poor and the location of environmentally vulnerable and degraded areas,

Acknowledging the importance of Member States in promoting and enforcing legal treatments for HIV/AIDS, and generally encouraging those with HIV/AIDS to go through legitimate routes as established by Security Council resolution 1983,

*Stressing* the importance of allowing all people to have access to treatment without fear of discrimination or stigmatization, as set by the 2020 goal of 90% of HIV patients reporting no discrimination in the health sector from the WHO 5-Year Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV of 2016,

*Envisioning* a better understanding of all individuals regarding causes, risks, prevention, and treatment of HIV/AIDS for future generations by transmission of the disease through childbirth as referenced by the *UNAIDS Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic* of 2010,

47 1. Resolves to hold semi-annual meetings under the auspices of WHO in order to: 48 49 a. Review statistics regarding HIV/AIDS, as reported by Member States; 50 51 Create action plans for further accurate statistical collection, particularly in Member States with large rural, low-income, and indigenous populations; 52 53 54 Integrate statistical databases through organizations such as UNAIDS and IeDEA; 55 56 d. Prepare annual reports for the World Health Assembly about the progress of these initiatives, including 57 metrics like rates of HIV/AIDS transmission, amount of ART medicine being delivered, and numbers 58 of hospitals, clinics and centers with the capacity to deliver HIV/AIDS treatments; 59 e. Assess the mortality rates of persons with HIV/AIDS having increased susceptibility to environmental 60 health risks and seeking collaboration from the United Nations Environment Assembly to: 61 62 63 i. Collect updated statistical data on the correlation between rates of infection and 64 socioeconomic status: 65 ii. Better consolidate future solutions that are directed to targeting rural and poor populations; 66 Decide the distribution of capital to achieve WHO goals related to HIV/AIDS, with funds coming from 67 68 places such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Bank's 69 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and UNAIDS's funds for AIDS response for 70 countries that contain disproportionally untreated populations; 71 72 2. Emphasizes the use of global statistical collection to embrace the criminalization of the illegal transactions of 73 HIV treatment by: 74 75 Creating a record of all HIV preventive and treatment medicine to generate a larger control on the stock and production of medicine; 76 77 78 b. Ensuring that a larger number of individuals will communicate their HIV-status since the medicine 79 would only be available to legal centers of distribution; 80 c. Requesting the intervention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, with the permission of 81 82 Member States, to enforce that transactions occur under legal parameters, ensure a fair price for 83 medicine, and assert that the medicine provided corresponds to health safety standards; 84 85 Recommends the implementation of information and communication technologies by Member States, in the 86 form of e-health, using data solutions that respond to the individual needs of struggling and underdeveloped 87 communities, enabling them to live fuller and healthier lives by: 88 89 Collaborating with International Telecommunication Union and their development sector to maximize 90 the reach of education through information and communications technologies with the implementation of telemedicine programs; 91 92 93 Recognizing the consistent growth of mobile phone users worldwide to implement the use of

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through:

i. Employing regional medical call centers staffed with medical professionals to provide mobile healthcare counseling to those lacking available resources;

telemedicine through cellular devices to increase healthcare awareness, education, and treatment

ii. Implementing the use of text messaging as communication between citizens and healthcare providers, including regularly scheduled reminders on medications, treatments, and general healthcare information;

iii. Supplying voluntary counseling and confidential HIV test results via mobile phones in communities for both infected and uninfected individuals: Providing e-health applications to the supply chain and the availability of resources, combatting the lack of medications, equipment, and supplies in underserved communities; 4. Encourages Member States to address HIV/AIDS through education and awareness programs including, but not limited to: Presenting general information and prevention methods to marginalized and rural populations to prevent further infection by: i. Training medical professionals about the importance and methods of educating rural and impoverished communities by expanding on the existing training program set by the International Development Association funded by the World Bank; ii. Educating individuals through sessions held in public rural facilities; iii. Establishing seminars, support, and education for treatment providers of healthcare to ensure

adequate treatment;

- iv. Sending the medical professionals to rural areas that lack sufficient public facilities;
- b. Eliminating stigmas and helping victims feel unhindered in seeking treatment by providing:
  - i. Sensitivity training for healthcare professionals and law enforcement officials about the different vulnerable populations affected by HIV/AIDS through organizations like RedTraSex, which has trained healthcare workers in Latin America;
  - ii. Information to the general population regarding the commonality of HIV/AIDS through the use of infographics from data collecting arms such as UNAIDS;
  - iii. Programs like the AIDS Healthcare Foundation program that helps administer rapid tests, mobile clinics, and general medical care for Member States around the world;
- 5. *Proclaims* that Member States pay particular attention to women living with HIV by assisting them with family planning, antenatal care, and guidance on mother-to-child transmission of HIV, by:
  - a. Utilizing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as powerful and significant actors in providing women with reproductive healthcare by:
    - i. Further educating women and midwives on proper health and hygiene during childbirth to prevent the transfer of HIV to their newborns;
    - ii. Providing education and resources regarding the use of cesarean section birth for mothers with HIV/AIDS due to the higher chance of preventing transmission through the use of this method:
  - b. Promoting collaboration between Member States, national organizations, and the private sector to institute mechanisms of psychological support, such as supplying volunteers who provide counseling services, to women during and after pregnancy;
- 6. *Asks* NGOs, such as the Red Cross and Doctors without Borders, to aid in developing and maintaining medical infrastructure for the prevention and sustained treatment of HIV and AIDS by:
  - a. Ensuring that health care workers are trained to address the care of those in environmentally vulnerable areas by making sure that they have access to adequate supplies and training;
  - Assigning educated health professionals to isolated, rural, and high-risk areas who are not able to attend public seminars, and provide knowledge on HIV/AIDS, treatment and prevention as well as contraceptives;

c. Creating guidelines and setting aside funds to be allocated in the event of a natural disaster or other events which might disrupt treatment on a massive scale and ensure the continuity of care of patients; 7. Endorses the creation of a plan of action focused on strengthening the existing HIV/AIDS relief efforts of NGOs in order to support the formation of voluntary United Nations experts who work under the direction of the WHO to respond to certain areas of requesting Member States to: Assist in the outreach efforts to afflicted individuals so that knowledge of relief efforts can be spread and a rise in voluntary participation rates can be seen; 

- b. Work towards eliminating means of transmission through actions such as education or programs desired by the Member State by:
  - i. Acknowledging that many individuals are not aware that they are even afflicted with HIV in the early stages of the disease and are more prone to transmit the virus to others and a tailored approach of routine testing and safe health practices should be developed to promote prevention and is encouraged to be a focus in vesicle elimination efforts;
  - ii. Ensuring that afflicted individuals have continued access to antiviral treatment in order to prevent continuous mutation of the virus and antiviral resistance to affirm that funds can be better allocated in relief efforts rather than spent on research about new treatment methods;
- c. Promote these actions through public health campaigns with UNAIDS so it is easier for individuals to accept needed antiviral treatments while also destignatizing the diagnosis of HIV/AIDS.



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**Committee:** World Health Assembly

Topic: Treatment and Prevention of HIV/AIDS

The World Health Assembly,

Guided by the precedence set forth in the commitment to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all as established in Sustainable Development Goal 3, as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development outlined in General Assembly resolution 70/1,

Affirming Human Right Council resolution 16/28 on the protection of human rights in the context of HIV, and the 2004 Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight against HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia, and that all countries, included the developing ones, should have access to medicines and treatments without restrictions,

Upholding General Assembly resolution 70/266 as an essential international commitment to the fight for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS as exemplified through the values and goals outlined in the *Global Sector Health Strategy on HIV: 2016-2021* and reemphasizing the resolution Security Council resolution 26/2, the *Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS*, which focused on education, treatment, research and mitigation of the epidemic,

Acknowledging the importance of efforts by the state to prevent and minimize the spread of HIV through preventative measures in addition to the work outlined by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in their 90-90-90Treatment for All plan, which seeks the eradication of HIV/AIDS by 2030,

*Highlighting* the importance of safeguarding the health of all people by ensuring access to alternative treatment options and minimizing social discriminations while offering economic help and funds in order to narrow the gap among different economic classes,

Affirming that vulnerable populations are susceptible to HIV as the result of high-risk behaviors such as but not limited to unprotected sex and utilizing used needles to inject drugs,

*Recognizing* that social factors exacerbate the risks of vulnerable and marginalized populations, and in turn, allows these groups to become more susceptible to HIV/AIDS,

*Emphasizing* the importance of prioritizing prevention and treatment awareness and improving health capacities in order to reach the most vulnerable populations susceptible to contracting HIV/AIDS through the implementation of continued awareness campaigns,

Contemplating the biosocial approach, which emphasizes the interaction of biological and social factors, rather than a biomedical approach through the implementation of awareness campaigns to ensure local populations are educated on their resources and healthcare needs,

Taking into consideration that men and boys are much less likely to seek out HIV/AIDS testing and treatment, as addressed in the UNAIDS Blind Spot campaign,

*Recognizing that* women and children are vulnerable populations with an emphasis on pregnant women infected with HIV/AIDS and their newborn children who have a 25% chance of becoming infected from their mothers,

Deeply alarmed that, according to UNAIDS, one in eight people living with HIV/AIDS globally are denied health services because of the negative stigma and discrimination surrounding a person's positive HIV/AIDS status,

- 1. *Calls upon* the Communicable Disease Program to develop an adaptable international framework to provide Member States with resources to adopt national policies and campaigns focused on combating HIV/AIDS including through the development of:
  - a. Awareness campaigns targeted at reaching vulnerable populations in developing regions, women and children, indigenous persons, and other marginalized communities to provide access to prevention and treatment resources and eradicate the social discrimination attached with HIV/AIDS;
  - b. Sex educational resources in order to prevent the spread through unprotected sex;
- 2. *Strongly urges* the implementation and usage of alternative treatment options, especially in vulnerable communities, such as:
  - The provision of sterile needles and syringes in order to best prevent drug users from contracting or spreading HIV/AIDS;
  - b. The use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PReP) and guaranteeing that PReP is obtainable in places such as homeless shelters to prepare for the contraction of HIV/AIDS as a precaution to being at risk for HIV/AIDS;
  - c. The utilization of opioid substitution therapies (OST) which lower the risk of HIV infections from shared needles and improves access to ART;
- 3. *Recommends* the strengthening of HIV/AIDS drug supply management under the direction of the World Health Organization, especially in areas with high infection rates by prioritizing local drug production, implementing contingency plans to prevent stock-out and overstocking in order to increase treatment compliance and continuity by:
  - a. Changing PrEP from a prescription drug to an over the counter drug to:
    - i. Ensure PrEP is affordable and attainable for everyone who wants to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS;
    - ii. Create a safer way to obtain PReP, rather than having to buy it off of an unreliable source;
  - Offering PrEP free of charge to all within their borders, with a special emphasis on targeting at-risk populations by using data informed approaches in delivering the drug to and increasing access for atrisk populations;
- 4. *Recommends* that in addition to working towards treating and eradicating HIV/AIDS, Member States increase focus on combating the negative stigma and violence that comes with the fear of HIV/AIDS by:
  - a. Inviting fellow Member States and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to support a collaborative campaign to address the myths and misconceptions about HIV/AIDS, and reinforce that people living with HIV/AIDs are of equal importance;
  - b. Discouraging the creation of frameworks that promote or allow discriminatory practice within in the public sector;
- 5. *Encourages* combatting the syndemic relationship that exists between HIV/AIDS prevalence, stigma, and the resulting discriminatory practices by:
  - a. Encouraging Member States to address stigma on a local level, which directly impact our target populations;
  - b. Increase accessibility to counselling centers and support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS;

disclosure whereby people living with HIV/AIDS have a duty to disclose their status before engaging in any sexual behaviors that might pose the possibility of transmitting the disease;

Suggesting for the increase of access to ART for marginalized communities indigenous people, women and children who have poor access to ART due to their unique and specific circumstances;

d. Encouraging Member States provide ART to pregnant mothers infected with HIV/AIDS followed by continued treatment to the child after birth in order to minimize the likelihood of the child becoming infected;

7. Decides to establish a two-pronged initiative that will voluntarily address stigma on a community-based level

Cooperating with local NGOs and community organizers to connect with high risk populations and observe their communities,

b. Establishing positive community-based interactions through forums that do not directly address stigma but rather increases community cohesion through participation;

Strongly supports initiatives that focus on a biosocial approach which analyzes the not only the patient, but the environment they reside in by creating a universal framework that:

a. Identifies at high risks populations who are susceptible to HIV/AIDS;

Identifies the environment in which individuals are most vulnerable;

Identifies key community issues that are bi-conditional or syndemic in nature;

9. Encourages the international community allocate an additional 4.9 billion dollars to continue the work towards the quota of 26.2 billion dollars, as stated by UNAIDS;

10. Further encourages Member States to further recognize the importance of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment efforts as outlined in General Assembly resolution 70/266, and the Global Sector Health Strategy on HIV: 2016-2020, which calls upon Member States to prioritize vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on:

a. Labeling young people, women and children as vulnerable groups of HIV/AIDS populations in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, with the purpose of increasing civic engagement to further develop awareness of resources;

b. Urging the international community to bridge the gap between nations of differing economic status and health care capabilities in order to most efficiently and effectively eradicate HIV/AIDS;

- 11. *Calls on* the international community to intensify efforts to address the complex barriers of increasing treatment access globally, thereby minimizing discrimination and virus exposure through the improvement of economic and educational opportunities through:
  - a. The aforementioned awareness campaigns;

- b. Conducting research utilizing members of vulnerable populations of the HIV/AIDS epidemic as active members to participate in dialogue, which attempts to end the stigma associated with the disease;
- 12. *Reminds* Member States of their duty to protect their populations and urges national governments to acknowledge the importance of prevention and treatment options locally as outlined in the UNAIDS 90-90-90 Strategy.



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*Reaffirming* the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in 2009, which accentuates the need to improve collaboration between Member States, strengthen and bolster the work already done, and ensure widespread access to quality treatments,

Having considered Sustainable Development Goal 3, which emphasizes an end to the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, other communicable diseases, universal access to sexual reproductive health care services and education, along with efforts to further cooperation for research, development, and financing,

*Deeply conscious* of the work that Needle and Syringe Programmes for HIV prevention act in providing sterile needles, which decreases HIV transmission from intravenous drug use,

*Fully aware* of the endeavors that UNAIDS has undergone in order to reduce infection rates and ensure the promotion of human rights to the communities most affected by HIV/AIDS, that include but are not limited to their Super-Fast-Track approach, and rigorous negotiations with affected countries and the private sector,

Affirms the 90-90-90 program which emphasizes the goals of ensuring awareness of infectivity, sustained treatment, and suppression of HIV/AIDS,

Admiring the Act Against AIDS program as a template by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a template for Rapid Diagnostic Testing (RDT),

1. *Encourages* countries to establish treatment, transmission, and prevention (TTP) programs concerning HIV/AIDS that:

a. Informs citizens about the transmission, treatment, and prevention of HIV/AIDS through multiple
platforms, such as social media and television, in order to reach a broad audience of multiple age
groups;

b. Incentivizes Member States to participate in the program by providing funding through UNAIDS;

c. Facilitates treatment regardless of race, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation;

d. Provides funding through non-governmental organizations such as the International AIDS Society, UNAIDS, the Global Fund, and the World Health Organization;

2. Strongly urges that Member States provide a means of treatment to its citizens by:

a. Encouraging Member States that have able medical facilities to administer RDT by using the CDC as a template;

46		b.	Making sure that antiretroviral therapy is cost efficient to nations, allowing antiretroviral drugs to be	
47			more accessible;	
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49	3.	Reques	ts that Member States provide useful health information to citizens who have been diagnosed with	
50		HIV/AIDS concerning transmission for the purpose of:		
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52		a.	Informing individuals on how HIV/AIDS has been transmitted to them and how it could have been	
53			prevented in order to mitigate further spreading of the disease;	
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55		b.	Apprising diagnosed individuals on how to not transmit the disease to others and creating safety	
56			measures specific to the individual;	
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- c. Expressing to citizens on how living with HIV/AIDS does not necessarily mean the end of their life and helping them accommodate their condition in order to keep living a full life;
- d. Providing a supportive community to Member States through UNAIDS and its *United Nations Political Declaration on Ending AIDS* in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 16;
- 4. Believes that it is necessary and crucial for Member States to develop prevention programs to further:

- a. Implement an HIV/AIDS education curriculum within schools that places an emphasis on reducing the stigma of HIV/AIDS while increasing awareness of HIV by providing informative programs and workshops that are geared towards school-aged children in order to begin educating them at a young age;
- b. Ensure that all education programs will explain what RDT is and how it works;
- 5. Draws attention to the lack of prevention methods in lower income countries and therefore:
  - a. Develop outreach programs through platforms such as social media in order to facilitate prevention in urban areas where sanitary conditions are poor in attempt to decrease the risk of transmission;
  - b. Suggests that Member States will create federally funded education programs geared towards injection drug users (IUDs) in which sterile needles will be more accessible to IUDs through federally funded clinics in urban areas;
  - c. Makes preventative measures, such as condoms, more accessible for all sexes in order to eliminate sex-based discrimination;
- 6. *Encourages* Member States to broad the definition of high-risk individuals in the *Abuja Declaration* to include intravenous drug users, sex workers, and displaced peoples;
- 7. Acknowledges that numerous HIV cases are transmitted non-sexually and recommends Member States to:
  - a. Increase hospital sterilization and sanitation by further expanding the 2010 WHO Best Practices for Injections and Related Procedures Toolkit to include detailed guidelines for hospitals regarding clean needle use, thorough sterilization of medical instruments, proper handling of blood, safe disposal of biohazardous waste, and follow-up on the disposal sites of said waste;
  - b. Offer advanced medical training for healthcare professionals within developing countries in order to both prevent HIV transmission via contaminated needles and provide a more accurate diagnosis;
  - c. Emphasize the education on clean sanitation practices;
  - d. Implement public training courses to administer RDTs to their citizens;

8. Focuses on high risk populations such as refugees and displaced peoples in order to minimize the spread of HIV/AIDS by:
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- b. Providing preventative measures, such as condoms, to refugees and displaced peoples;
- c. Allocating funds to cover the cost of ART, preliminary blood tests, and follow-up medical treatment for displaced peoples;
- 9. *Considers* the lack of internal health service staff and professionals in science, technology, and innovation within developing nations, and understands the importance to update outdated guidelines and technology in order to:
  - a. Collaborate with neighboring Member States in order to formulate regional strategic plans that effectively address the needs of different socio-economic Member States;
  - b. Implement more human and financial resources at the central and governmental levels to create a network specific to the individual;
- c. Enhance the quality of life for individuals through the implementation of technology for the purposes of new scientific discovery.