



American Model United Nations
World Health Assembly

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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

The World Health Assembly,

1 *Deeply disturbed* by the sexual violence taking place against women, children and adolescents
2 across the globe,

3 *Cognizant* that cultural differences and perceptions of gender influence how sexual violence is
4 perceived and addressed by delegations' medical, legal and educational institutions,

5 *Recognizing* that the safety and health of women, children and adolescents carry higher prece-
6 dent over cultural beliefs and societal perceptions,

7 *Deeply concerned* about the effects of sexual violence in other areas of physical and mental
8 health,

9 *Alarmed by* the fact that in 2024, UN Women reported that, on a global scale, almost one in
10 three women have been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner
11 sexual violence or both at least once in their lives,

12 *Taking into consideration* that victims are more likely to suffer from depression, anxiety dis-
13 orders, unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections and Human Immunodeficiency Virus
14 (HIV),

15 *Recognizing* the need for improved sexual education globally, especially within rural regions,

16 *Desiring* to alter the global perception and treatment of sexual violence against women, re-
17 framing it from a social issue to a health issue,

18 1. *Calls upon* Member States to introduce or edit their sex education curriculum:

19 (a) *Recognizes* that preventative education in childcare and educational institutions
20 plays a major role in combatting sexual violence;

21 (b) *Implements* culturally and age-appropriate sex education;

22 (c) *Discusses* family planning and interpersonal relationships;

23 (d) *Considers* how socioeconomic status influences access and perception of sex edu-
24 cation;

25 (e) *Shifts* away from casting blame upon victims and instead focusing on holding per-
26 petrators accountable for their actions;

27 2. *Encourages* Member States to address in their policies on sexual violence against women
28 children and adolescents critical areas such as gender-based violence, female genital mutilation, child
29 marriage, combat-related sexual violence and human trafficking;

30 3. *Recommends* that Member States produce educational materials to the public about sex-
31 ual violence that is accessible to all individuals regardless of socioeconomic and educational back-
32 grounds in both printed and auditory advertisements;

33 4. *Further invites* Member States to collaborate to produce campaigns:

34 (a) *Encourages* women, children and adolescent victims to report sexual violence and
35 seek professional help;

36 (b) *Destigmatizes* the reporting and discussion of sexual violence;

37 5. *Urges* Member States to adapt their legal and medical definitions related to sexual violence
38 to reflect those provided by the United Nations;

39 6. *Welcomes* the creation of an annual, collaborative World Health Assembly report that pro-
40 vides Member States with comprehensive knowledge, practices, data and research on the negative
41 impacts of sexual violence.

Passed, Yes: 32 / No: 9 / Abstain: 18