



American Model United Nations
World Health Assembly

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Public health dimension of the world drug problem

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Assembly

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1 *Reaffirming* the sovereignty of Member States and their ability and responsibility to act in the
2 best interest and health of their citizenry,

3 *Recognizing* the human dignity of those who have been affected by the proliferation of illicit
4 drugs, with special attention to those who are in the throws of addiction,

5 *Highlighting* the importance of national security and international and national stability as the
6 foundation for ensuring that efficient and comprehensive measures can be taken to provide resources
7 for those who experience addiction,

8 *Taking into consideration* that systematic drug use acts as a significant contributor to the spread
9 of bloodborne illnesses including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C,
10 among other infections,

11 *Noting with concern* that an estimated 64 million people worldwide suffer from drug use disor-
12 ders, while only 1 in 11 is in treatment, as reported by the United Nations in 2024,

13 *Realizing* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime World Drug Report 2024 has found that
14 women receive less access to treatment than men, with only 1 in 18 women with drug use disorders in
15 treatment versus 1 in 7 men,

16 *Acknowledging* that women, children and adolescents bear a substantial cost in areas that
17 have been negatively impacted by the mass proliferation of illicit substances into vulnerable popula-
18 tions,

19 *Recognizing* the strain mass drug use places on humanitarian and health services,

20 *Reaffirming* the importance and necessity of international cooperation in regard to solving the
21 global drug crisis,

22 *Echoing* the importance of multicultural pluralism in Member States, and recognizing the unique
23 challenges faced by specific communities, with a focus on the challenges rural communities face in
24 accessing quality and comprehensive medical care to aid those communities in combating the drug
25 crisis,

26 *Recognizing* the challenges faced by developing and burgeoning nations in regards to estab-
27 lishing comprehensive health care networks, with specific concern regarding the healthcare of those
28 that are experiencing addiction,

29 1. *Calls upon* Member States to support fellow Member States that have experienced the spread
30 of narcotics from non-state actors, especially regarding ensuring the sanctity of human life, particu-
31 larly among vulnerable populations:

32 (a) *Encourages* Member States that are willing and able to provide support may do so
33 at their discretion and per their respective constitutions;

34 (b) *Further encourages* relevant non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to assist Mem-
35 ber States through collaborative aid and education campaigns, expert consultation services on policy-
36 making, law enforcement, and public health responses and;

37 2. *Urges* Member States to take action in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs
38 and Crime (UNODC) in order to prevent the spread of illicit substances between borders:

39 (a) *Recommends* that the health service of each Member State provide a detailed re-
40 port on the state of the illicit drug trade within their country. A final report incorporating all country
41 reports can then be compiled by the World Health Organization (WHO), with updates to the report be-
42 ing provided on an annual basis;

43 (b) *Supports* assembling an interdisciplinary and international commission of experts
44 within the WHO to provide new approaches to reducing drug use;

45 3. *Calls upon* Member States to provide essential services to those experiencing addiction and
46 those who have suffered due to the propensity of drug use within their communities;

47 4. *Encourages* Member States to collaborate with United Nations organizations to produce ed-
48 ucational resources and programs:

49 (a) *Recommends* Member States Collaborate in conjunction with UNODC to address the
50 interplay between drugs and physical, mental and relational health;

51 (b) *Specifically recommends* collaboration with WHO and UNODC to promote preven-
52 tion, self and community advocacy, and personal safety in the presence of illicit drugs;

53 (c) *Supports* creating educational and hygienic campaigns, such as the establishment
54 of Methadone Maintenance Clinics, Buprenorphine Maintenance Treatment, Needle and Syringe Ex-
55 change Programs and other treatment options in order to best serve those with drug addictions;

56 (d) *Emphasizes* specifically coordinating with WHO to better address the spread and
57 impact of bloodborne illnesses that originate and propagate as a result of drug use;

58 5. *Urges* Member States to increase access to information about and create greater opportu-
59 nities for women and children when it comes to drug addiction prevention and treatment.

Passed, Yes: 27 / No: 14 / Abstain: 13