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GLOBAL MODEL WHO 2025

ZERO DRAFT RESOLUTION

HEALTH AND MIGRATION

The Third Global Model World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Director-General on promoting the health of refugees and migrants;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA70.15 on promoting the health of refugees and migrants and WHA61.17 on the health of migrants;

Recognizing that migration is a global reality driven by social, economic, environmental, and political factors, and that migrants and refugees often face barriers to accessing health care;

Concerned that displaced populations are at increased risk of communicable and noncommunicable diseases due to poor living conditions, interrupted care, and lack of services;

Aware that migrants who receive incomplete vaccination or interrupted treatment during displacement can carry infections unknowingly across borders and that border communities often have weak health infrastructure and limited access to testing, making early detection of diseases difficult;

Noting with concern that today there are some 1 billion migrants globally — about 1 in 8 of the world's population — including approximately 281 million international migrants and more than 84 million forcibly displaced persons such as refugees and asylum seekers;

Alarmed that many refugees and migrants experience poorer health outcomes than host populations, in part because of barriers in access to services, sub-standard living and working conditions, poor nutrition and fragmented data on their health status;

Emphasizing that by ensuring migrants have access to vaccines, screenings, and treatment helps prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases and that developing strong health systems for migrants can also improve disease surveillance, preparedness, and the capacity to respond to disease outbreaks for everyone;

Recognizing that migrants make important contributions to the economies of the countries they live in, and that keeping them healthy helps maintain a strong and stable workforce and supports overall economic growth;

Noting the importance of equitable access to health services without discrimination, consistent with the principle of universal health coverage and the right to health;

Welcoming the WHO Global Action Plan 2019–2023 on Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants and its extension beyond 2023 to support country-level implementation;

Recognizing that addressing the health needs of migrants requires cooperation across borders and sectors, including health, labor, education, and social protection that includes basic healthcare regardless of legal status, housing assistance, childcare and family services, and emergency social aid in crisis situations;

Emphasizing the need to collect reliable, disaggregated data to inform evidence-based policies on migrant health;

Committed to strengthening health systems and international cooperation to ensure that migration is safe, dignified, and health-promoting for all,

¹ Document A77/27.

1. URGES Member States:

- (1) to ensure access to essential and affordable health services for all migrants and refugees regardless of legal status;
- (2) to integrate migration health into national health plans and policies;
- (3) to strengthen health systems in border and transit areas to respond to the needs of mobile populations and to better control the spread of noncommunicable diseases across borders;
- (4) to improve coordination among ministries responsible for health, migration, and labor;
- (5) to collect and share data on migrant health while ensuring privacy and human rights protections;

- (6) to train health workers in cultural competence and inclusive care practices;
- (7) to expand vaccination, maternal health, and mental health services for migrants;
- (8) to promote gender-sensitive health interventions, addressing the specific needs of women and children on the move;
- (9) to provide health education in languages understood by migrants;
- (10) to strengthen emergency preparedness to protect migrants during crises and disasters;

2. CALLS UPON international organizations and other relevant stakeholders, including intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, labor and migration agencies, and the health sector:

- (1) to support Member States in implementing the WHO Global Action Plan on Refugee and Migrant Health;
- (2) to promote policy coherence between migration, labor, and health policies at the global and regional levels;
- (3) to facilitate cooperation among countries to ensure continuity of care for migrants and refugees;
- (4) to provide technical assistance, funding, and training for national migration health programmes;
- (5) to promote public awareness campaigns that reduce stigma and discrimination against migrants;
- (6) to involve migrant and refugee communities in the design and delivery of health programmes;
- (7) to support research and data collection on the determinants of migrant health in order to better understand the underlying causes and conditions that shape migrant health outcomes;
- (8) to strengthen cross-border surveillance and response systems for communicable diseases;

(9) to strengthen coordination across health, labor, education, and social protection systems so that migrants can access health services together with employment, housing, and learning opportunities, ensuring continuity of care and social inclusion;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to continue supporting Member States in implementing and monitoring the Global Action Plan on Refugee and Migrant Health;
- (2) to collaborate with the International Organization for Migration, UNHCR, ILO, and other partners to promote policy coherence;
- (3) to strengthen WHO's capacity to provide technical and operational support to the health sector that is providing care to migrants during health emergencies;
- (4) to support Member States in developing integrated policies that connect health services with social protection measures, ensuring that migrants and refugees can access both medical care and essential social safety nets.