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**Subject:** Principles Regarding International Health - Support of sexual and reproductive health and rights

**Type: Amendment by Addition and Deletion**

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WHEREAS we support abortion care as an integral aspect of family planning, and family planning as the foundation of sexual and reproductive health and rights

WHEREAS according to paragraph 8.25 of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action, in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS guidelines like the World Health Organization's (WHO) Abortion Care Guideline 2022 recognize and acknowledge the needs of all individuals with respect to abortion and the need for quality abortion care throughout the health system such as sexual and reproductive health services like family planning.<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS guidelines like United Nations Family Population Fund (UNFPA) Strategy for Family Planning 2022-2030 revitalize family planning in a human rights-based approach. This includes supporting countries to establish a comprehensive package of sexual and reproductive health information and services, including addressing comprehensive abortion care.<sup>3</sup>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principle Regarding International Health of the American Medical Student Association Page 101 Clause 4 which currently reads as:

4. SUPPORTS the Program of Action developed at the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994. In this we recognize that population issues are tied to sustainable development and sustaining the environment and must be addressed in conjunction with efforts to reduce poverty and improve public health. We further recognize that successful population stabilization requires empowerment of women to exercise reproductive choice by promoting their economic, social, legal and educational equality. We encourage public and private investment in universal access to reproductive health care and family planning services; (1995)

be AMENDED to state:

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4. RECOGNIZES the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights and therefore:
- a. SUPPORTS guidelines like the World Health Organization's (WHO) Abortion Care Guideline 2022 and its emphasis on the centrality of human rights, drawing on evidence and data on the clinical, service delivery, legal, and human rights aspects of abortion care. We encourage the removal of legal and policy barriers to abortion.
  - b. SUPPORTS strategies like the United Nations Family Population Fund (UNFPA) Strategy for Family Planning 2022-2030 human rights-based approach, as it positions family planning as the foundation of sexual and reproductive health and rights. In this we recognize that family planning services must be situated in the broad context of human rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Delivered in ways that promote equality and empowerment, challenge social and gender norms and enable all individuals and couples to realize their reproductive intentions, take charge of their own choices and decisions about their bodies.

Fiscal Note: None

#### Citations

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