QUESTION OF: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS THAT BRINGS ENDURING AND EQUITABLE HEALTH GAINS

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the fact that equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water is absent for more than 36% of the global population, following an increase on water stress, from 36 to 41 countries in 2011,

Expressing deep concern to those children who are often victims of sexual exploitation as well as prostitution as a result of child labor and gender inequality,

Deploring a decline in health workforce and quality of social health due to a lack of experienced medical staff and the poor management of health care services being provided,

Deeply conscious that 767 million people live below the international line of poverty and cannot afford the basic cost to education, which eventually contributes to the retardation of health gains,

Recognizing that unhealthy environments, including indoor air pollution, soil degradation and deforestation, increase the risk of both non communicable and infectious diseases,
Affirming that maternal mortality remains exceedingly high in developing countries, consisting of about 99% of all maternal deaths, due to limited access to community midwives or skilled birth attendants,

Viewing with appreciation the Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the UN which includes reducing the global mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030,

1. **Calls** for support from environmental health units to advocate for safe water availability and environmental health interventions including water quality monitoring as well as health and hygiene promotion;

2. **Emphasizes** on the provision of more access to skilled health care attendants for child delivery and to enforce quality standards focusing on maternal and child health services;

3. **Recommends** to address poverty issues at household and infrastructural level and to implement measures like offering subsidies, financing income activities, providing policy support and proper resources allocation;

4. **Urges** that a free education system is promoted as well as more formal schools be provided, especially institutions for girls, and to reduce the rate of illiteracy;
5. **Emphasizes** that strict laws can be implemented to decrease the rate of child labor, by breaking the social barriers to gender inequality culminating in poor sexual and reproductive health indices, to promote gender equity;

6. **Suggests** that the government conducts hazard mapping and vulnerability health assessments at district health centres and regularly update the health sector about the quality of services for close monitoring;

7. **Considers** the need for an increase in the salaries of doctors to create higher incentives to retain a larger number of medical staff;

8. **Demands** that measures can be taken to prevent the proliferation of vectors causing the spread of infectious diseases while simultaneously emphasizing on the proper purification of water;

9. **Endorses** the use of local media to create awareness for the prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases as well as to develop the cure for radiation-caused illnesses, mainly due to war;

10. **Renews its appeal** for WHO and other UN agencies to collaborate with provincial and district health departments to ensure fulfilment of basic needs;
11. **Further recommends** that at least 7% of the GDP be sustained, per capita economic growth per annum, in the least developed countries to promote sustainable and productive employment;

12. **Acknowledges** that urgent donor support is a clear prerequisite for attaining the health related targets and hence calls upon countries to supply public health organisations with medicines and financial help;

13. **Expresses its appreciation** about the polio eradication and the improvement in routine immunization through the collaborative efforts of the WHO with the CCS;

14. **Appreciates** the Global Forest Goals to protect, sustainably manage and increase the world’s forest area since environmental degradation is fundamentally linked to poverty and deterioration in health;

15. **Encourages** all the member states present in this commission to fully support this resolution as sustainable environment and social conditions eventually brings enduring and equitable health gains.