

Forum: World Health Assembly

Question of: Enhancing the Prevention and Control of Epidemics

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- 1 The World Health Assembly,
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3 *Alarmed* by millions of people still dying each year from infectious diseases that are prevent-
4 able or easy to treat,
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6 *Noting* that research concerning the prevention of infection must be improved,
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8 *Fully aware* of the sanitary risks that go along with being located in hurricane-prone environ-
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11 *Deeply concerned* about hurricane disasters which can result in additional breeding sites for
12 mosquitoes,
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14 *Alarmed* by recent epidemics such as the Ebola outbreak and the Zika-virus,
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16 1. **Suggests** a fund to be raised, with every country contributing a fitting percentage of
17 their GDP based on their classification as:
18 a. MEDC,
19 b. NIC,
20 c. LEDC;
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22 2. **Requests** that the money of this fund is used for:
23 a. informational campaigns about topics such as but not limited to:
24 i. proper hygiene,
25 ii. epidemic prevention methods,
26 iii. vaccination programs,
27 iv. region-specific diseases and how to protect against them,
28 v. behavior during an emergency,
29 vi. ways that diseases spread,
30 vii. basic medical understanding,
31 b. Aid packs containing products, partially based on the region-specific diseases,
32 such as but not limited to:
33 i. clean water,
34 ii. food,
35 iii. toilet paper,
36 iv. soap,
37 v. medicine,
38 vi. first aid supplies, if not already present,

- 39 c. infrastructural improvements, such as:
40 i. public bathrooms with sinks,
41 ii. hospitals,
42 iii. making medical services available to rural or poor regions;
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44 3. **Proposes** to give old machinery, used in hospitals in MEDCs, to LEDCs and NICs,
45 that are in need of it;
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47 4. **Requests** an improvement of the Early Warning Alert and Response System
48 (EWARS), to inform all states better about:
49 a. the location of the outbreak
50 b. the intensity of the outbreak;
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52 5. **Encourages** the establishment of a non-profit institution, the “International Containing
53 Epidemics Research Institution”, working together with voluntary organizations, such
54 as but not limited to:
55 a. MSF,
56 b. Red Cross,
57 that focus on research concerning new vaccination for epidemics, fast production and
58 distribution of vaccinations during an outbreak, and informs the rest of the world about
59 the latest results in medical research that could be employed to prevent epidemics;
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61 6. **Recommends** that all nations invest into finding low cost solutions for the treatment
62 of yellow fever, measles, Ebola virus disease, zika virus, dengue fever, HIV and chol-
63 era;
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65 7. **Requests** that all nations work closely together in order to improve knowledge and
66 find solutions which can help people and nations struggling with the dangerous dis-
67 eases named above;
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69 8. **Further requests** the financial support of the United Nations in order to:
70 a. establish an agency that monitors the spread of diseases world-wide,
71 b. form a committee of neutral, international scientists in cooperation with ICERI
72 to exchange their research regularly in order to make serious studies and
73 knowledge that are important for progress regarding the issue accessible for
74 all nations,
75 c. invest in environmental health to improve access to safe water and adequate
76 sanitation world-wide;
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78 9. **Calls for** the help of governmental and non-governmental organizations, to fight dan-
79 gerous environmental situations which could result in new epidemics;
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81 10. **Encourages** health care workers, mourners and family members to protect them-
82 selves and minimize the risk of getting infected;
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84 11. **Calls for** compulsory vaccination especially in LEDCs and NICs to prevent possible
85 epidemics through herd immunity and to eradicate diseases;
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87 12. **Endorses** the implementation of intense case and contact management against the
88 MERS-CoV virus;
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- 90 13. **Asks** for appropriate handling of deceased people during an epidemic:
91 a. with adequate procedure made in advance,
92 b. according to cultural preferences and response of medical experts;
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- 94 14. **Proposes** to extend the validity of patents (the period of validity should depend on
95 the time needed until the research project is profitable) for newly developed vaccines,
96 treatments or medications to increase scientific research by making it more profitable
97 and protecting new developments from being suppressed by generics very fast;
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- 99 15. **Strongly recommends** all countries, especially the favored immigration destinations
100 to take blood tests of migrants in order not to let any new illness out and to prevent
101 epidemics and to treat people with certain illnesses adequately;
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- 103 16. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.