

## **AMWHO 2014**

**Regional Block:** European Region

**Topic:** Communicable Diseases and Preventative Measures - Refugee and Internally Displaced Peoples' Health

**Sponsors:** Italy, Switzerland, Ukraine

**Signatories:** Republic of Turkey, Greece, Kingdom of Denmark, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria

**Humanitarian Index Score:** 67%

- 1 The European Region,
- 2 *Recognizing* refugees and internally displaced people as susceptible groups to communicable  
3 diseases,
- 4 *Acknowledging* the epidemiological threat that is often posed to local populations by refugee and  
5 internally displaced people populations,
- 6 *Noting* with regret the poor treatment of refugees and internally displaced people from European  
7 Region member-nations in the past,
- 8 *Aware* of the prominent refugee population and internally displaced people present in Europe  
9 from political instability in neighboring countries,
- 10 *Recalling* that health is a basic human right as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human  
11 Rights,
- 12 *Emphasising* how the forces of globalization have thinned national borders and increased  
13 integration of cultures and peoples,
- 14 *Noting with deep concern* that refugees and internally displaced people have left behind their  
15 lives and have less social and economic power than other factions of people,
- 16 *Bearing in mind* that internally displaced children and refugee children are especially susceptible  
17 to communicable diseases due to additional biological factors as well as the aforementioned  
18 social factors,
- 19 1. *Encourages* national governments to provide comprehensive primary healthcare to  
20 refugees as equals to their own citizens;
  - 21 a. especially utilizing vaccinations as a proven preventative measure against  
22 the spread of communicable diseases;
- 23 2. *Recommends* cost subsidation of drugs that treat communicable diseases that are so  
24 prevalent in refugee and internally displaced people populations;
- 25 3. *Calls upon* national governments to create functioning physical infrastructure - including  
26 safe, clean, and non-overcrowded housing - for such vulnerable populations;
- 27 4. *Urges* countries to assist refugees and internally displaced people become integrated into  
28 their new societies;

- 29 5. *Requests* the creation of support groups, linguistic partners, and advocacy liaisons  
30 between refugee leadership and national populations/governments;
- 31 6. *Expresses its hope* that empowerment initiatives - such as education and job  
32 training/placement - are adopted by such advocacy groups and national governments;
- 33 7. *Supports* the cooperation of international organizations (such as United Nations High  
34 Commission for Refugees), national governments, advocacy groups, refugee leadership,  
35 and various Non-Governmental Organizations in comprehensively addressing these  
36 solutions in regards to refugees' and internally displaced persons' health;
- 37 8. *Deplores* the stigmatization of international refugees present in so many member-nations  
38 and its negative effects on the health of such people;
- 39 9. *Strongly urges* national governments to react quickly and efficiently to possible  
40 epidemics.
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