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**ACCESS TO HEALTH AS A BASIC RIGHT: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN ADDRESSING KEY  
CHALLENGES TO SECURING THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

***Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted  
within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Congo,  
Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Netherlands,  
Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,  
United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Venezuela***

**PREAMBLE**

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1) ***Emphasizing*** the need for parliamentarians and governments to tackle the problems of ill-health caused by the smoking of tobacco and tobacco products, to coordinate efforts to protect adults and children from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke, to deplore the activities of the tobacco companies in targeting markets in the least developed and developing countries, and the need for all countries to adopt the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,

*(United Kingdom)*

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) ***Underscoring*** that a human-rights approach ~~is fundamental to~~, **with an emphasis on the right to development, can be helpful in** achieving these Goals,

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

New preambular paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

(2bis) ***Reaffirming*** the principles and goals of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and ***recognizing*** the indispensable role of the Programme of Action in achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

*(Belgium and the United Kingdom)*

New preambular paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 3 to read as follows:

**(3bis) Concerned that the funding gap to ensure universal access to reproductive health remains unacceptably high and that both donor countries and developing countries need to step up their commitments to achieve the MDGs, in particular MDG 5,**

*(Belgium and United Kingdom)*

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Drawing attention* to the fact that improvements in maternal and child health require progress related to poverty and ~~nutrition~~ **hunger** (MDG 1), access to education (MDG 2), gender equality and the empowerment of women (MDG 3), and the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and malaria (MDG 6),

*(Switzerland)*

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

*(Venezuela)*

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Concerned* that in 2008, an estimated 358,000 women **worldwide** died from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth, **and that 99 per cent of these deaths occurred in developing countries,**

*(Belgium and United Kingdom)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Concerned* that, **according to WHO,** in 2008, an estimated 358,000 women died from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth,

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Concerned* that in 2008, an estimated 358,000 women died from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth, **and underscoring that 99 per cent of these deaths occurred in developing countries,**

*(Romania)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Concerned* ~~that~~ **because** in 2008, an estimated 358,000 women died from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth,

*(Venezuela)*

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also concerned* that in 2010, an estimated 7.6 million children died before reaching their fifth birthday, with 41 per cent dying in their first month, **and that over 170 million children under five worldwide are affected by stunting,**

(Switzerland)

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) ~~*Convinced*~~ **Worried** that maternal and child mortality rates remain unacceptably high globally and that many countries are not on track to achieve MDGs 4 and 5,

(Belgium)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) ~~*Convinced*~~ **Disappointed/Worried** that global maternal and child mortality ratios remain unacceptably high and that many countries are not on track to achieve MDGs 4 and 5,

(United Kingdom)

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Recognizing* that ~~many pregnant women in the developing world are not~~ **less than half of all pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa and only half of all pregnant women in Southern Asia are** attended to by a skilled health professional during labour and delivery, which is a major contributing factor to maternal and newborn deaths,

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Recognizing* that many pregnant women in the developing world are not attended to by a skilled health professional during labour and delivery, which is **one of a the** major contributing factors to maternal and newborn deaths,

(Netherlands)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Recognizing* that many pregnant women in the developing world are not attended to by a skilled health professional, **including midwives**, during labour and delivery, which is a major contributing factor to maternal and newborn deaths, **that midwives are in short supply in many developing countries and that there is an urgent need, particularly in countries with high maternal mortality rates, to provide assistance in the recruitment, training and support of professional midwives,**

(Sweden)

New preambular paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 9 to read as follows:

**(9bis) Recognizing that lack of access to quality sexual and reproductive health services and supplies, in particular family planning services, is a major contributing factor to maternal mortality,**

*(Belgium and United Kingdom)*

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting that ~~weak~~ **defective** and poorly-resourced health systems, particularly the lack of human resources for health, are a key impediment to improved health outcomes,*

*(Venezuela)*

New preambular paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 10 to read as follows:

**(10bis) Noting that worldwide, about 14 million adolescent girls between the ages of 15 and 19 give birth each year,**

*(Romania)*

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Also noting that the burden on health professionals in many developing countries could be lessened through improvements in health governance, including measures to expand and improve access to skilled birth attendant services, **as well as measures to reduce the high number of unsafe abortions,***

*(Switzerland)*

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

*(Venezuela)*

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Reiterating that universal access to reproductive **and sexual** health is one of the targets for MDG 5,*

*(Venezuela)*

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) ~~Considering~~ **Worried** that contraceptive prevalence rates are low in many countries with high maternal mortality rates, and that international assistance for family planning has diminished **significantly** since 2000,

*(Belgium and United Kingdom)*

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Considering* that contraceptive prevalence rates are low **and unwanted pregnancies high** in many countries with high maternal mortality rates, and that international assistance for family planning has diminished since 2000,

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Considering* that contraceptive prevalence rates are low in many countries with high maternal mortality rates, and that international assistance for family planning has diminished since **the year** 2000,

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraphs 13bis, 13ter, 13quater, 13quinquies, 13sexies and 13septies

Add six new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

(13bis) *Considering* that **unwanted pregnancies are disproportionately high among young unmarried girls, who also run the highest risk of pregnancy-related morbidity and mortality,**

(13ter) *Noting* that **unsafe abortions account for 13 per cent of total maternal deaths,**

(13quater) *Noting* that **maternal mortality is the leading cause of death among adolescent girls in developing countries, yet adolescent girls are more likely to give birth without skilled birth attendants,**

(13quinquies) *Noting* that **young people remain disproportionately affected by HIV, accounting for 41% of all new infections among 15 to 49 year-olds. Young women between the ages of 15 and 19 are particularly vulnerable to HIV because of gender inequalities, sexual violence, early marriage, intergenerational relationships and more limited access to education,**

(13sexies) *Aware* of the importance of providing people with information, education and services that are appropriate to their age and needs, starting from childhood through adolescence and extending throughout the life cycle,

(13septies) *Affirming* that **comprehensive sexual education that is age-appropriate, gender-sensitive and life skills-based is crucial to provide young people with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions about their sexuality and that will give them the means to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections including HIV and AIDS,**

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Aware* that a critical window to improve children's health **and secure their prospects for life-long development** through adequate nutrition exists between pregnancy and a child's second birthday,

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Aware* that a critical window to improve children's health through adequate nutrition exists between pregnancy and a child's second birthday **to guarantee them an appropriate role in the country's long-term development with the full physical and biological capacity to assimilate the knowledge imparted by the education system,**

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Affirming* the commitment to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, ~~the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,~~ the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraph 16bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 16 to read as follows:

(16bis) ***Considering* the ICPD Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation,**

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 16 to read as follows:

(16bis) ***Reaffirming* the principles and goals upheld by the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, Cairo, 1994) and *emphasizing* the indispensable role of the ICPD Programme of Action in achieving the MDGs;**

(Romania)

New preambular paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 18 to read as follows:

(18bis) ***Welcoming* the resolution on "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women" that was adopted by consensus at the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women,**

(Canada)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 18 to read as follows:

(18bis) ***Appreciating* the commitment made at G8 Summit held in Canada in June 2010 to allocate US \$7.3 billion to carry out initiatives in the least developed countries, to contribute to implementing the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, and the commitment made at the 15<sup>th</sup> African Union Heads of State Summit (Uganda 2010) to fulfil the pledges taken at the Abuja Summit by allocating 15 per cent of the overall State budget to health,**

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Mindful* of the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the 2008 Accra Agenda for Action **as well as the 2011 Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation,**

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) ~~*Mindful*~~ of **Noting** the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and the 2008 Accra Agenda for Action,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraphs 19bis and 19ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 19 to read as follows:

(19bis) ***Mindful* of regional agreements to promote access to sexual and reproductive health and information and to reduce maternal mortality, such as the Maputo Plan of Action, the Mexico City Ministerial Declaration "Educating to Prevent", and the European Consensus on Development 2005,**

(19ter) ***Mindful* of the Statements of Commitment issued by International Parliamentarians' Conferences on the Implementation of the ICPD Plan of Action and the G8 reaffirming support for the principles and goals of the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development and *underscoring* the indispensable role of its Programme of Action in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and supporting accessible and affordable health services that promote family planning, HIV prevention and the health and well-being of women and girls,**

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

Preambular paragraph 20

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraph 21bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 21 to read as follows:

(21bis) ***Aware* that gender is a key determinant of health and that many of the differences and inequalities between women's and men's health status are due to social, economic and cultural causes,**

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 22

Amend to read as follows:

(22) ***Underscoring* that the enhancement of women's and children's health is much more than a policy goal and that States should have an obligation to respect, promote, protect and fulfil women's and children's right to health on a non-discriminatory basis,**

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

(22) *Underscoring* that States should respect, promote, protect and fulfil women's, ~~and~~ children's **and adolescents'** right to health on a non-discriminatory basis,

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraphs 22bis, 22ter, 22quater, and 22quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 22 to read as follows:

(22bis) ***Urges* parliamentarians to work for the decriminalization of abortion where it is illegal and to make sure that abortions are safe where they are legal as this is a measure that saves women's lives,**

(22ter) ***Also urges* parliamentarians to work for sexual education that is age-appropriate, gender-sensitive and life skills-based to provide all young people with the knowledge to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and STIs,**

(22quater) ***Encourages* parliamentarians to monitor the allocation of resources and the implementation of national policies and strategies on sexual and reproductive health and rights,**

(22quinquies) ***Urges* parliamentarians from donor countries to encourage their governments to increase financial assistance for sexual and reproductive health and maternal and newborn health,**

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

New preambular paragraph 22bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 22 to read as follows:

(22bis) ***Convinced* that failure to penalize medical errors made by health personnel treating women and children only serves to maintain very high rates of maternal, neonatal and infant mortality, particularly in developing countries,**

(Congo)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 22 to read as follows:

(22bis) ***Recalling* the Statements of Commitment adopted at International Parliamentarians' Conferences on the Implementation of the ICPD Plan of Action (IPCI/IPCD), in which parliamentarians worldwide pledged to exercise their legislative, budgetary, oversight and awareness-raising roles to further implement the ICPD Programme of Action,**

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 23

Amend to read as follows:

(23) ~~*Committed to*~~ ***Endeavouring to*** realizing the goals of the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, and the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, and *underscoring* the centrality of parliamentary action therein,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(23) *Committed to realizing the goals of the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's, ~~and~~ Children's **and adolescent** Health, and the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's, ~~and~~ Children's **and adolescent** Health, and underscoring the centrality of parliamentary action therein,*

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraph 23bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 23 to read as follows:

**(23bis) Also committed to support the 56 recommendations of the UN High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability report entitled "Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing," specifically those that address gender inequality and the concrete needs of women, including access to sustainable energy and modern communication, and secondary education,**

(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 24

(24) *Encouraged by the increasing ~~international, regional, national and parliamentary~~ attention **in the national, regional and international spheres**, and resources being devoted to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health,*

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 26

Amend to read as follows:

(26) *Stressing, therefore, that special attention must be given to the health needs and rights of women and children, who belong to one or multiple vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including those in the poorest households, living in rural and remote areas, and affected by HIV/AIDS, adolescent girls, indigenous women and children, migrant women and children, refugee and internally displaced women and children, ~~sex workers~~, and women and children with disabilities,*

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(26) *Stressing, therefore, that special attention must be given to the health needs and rights of women, **newborns**, and children, who belong to one or multiple vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including those in the poorest households, living in rural and remote areas, and affected by HIV/AIDS, adolescent girls, indigenous women and children, migrant women and children, refugee and internally displaced women and children **as well as those in humanitarian and (post-)conflict situations**, and children, sex workers, and women and children with disabilities,*

(Netherlands)

Amend to read as follows:

(26) *Stressing, therefore, that special attention must be given to the health needs and rights of women, ~~and~~ children and **adolescents**, who belong to one or multiple vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including those in the poorest households, living in rural and remote areas, and affected by HIV/AIDS, ~~adolescent girls, indigenous women and children~~, migrants ~~women and children~~, refugees and internally displaced **persons** ~~women and children~~, sex workers, and ~~women and children~~ **persons** with disabilities,*

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 27

Amend to read as follows:

(27) *Underscoring* that equal access to quality education **and sexual and reproductive education** for all women, **children** and ~~girls~~ **adolescents** is a key intervention that can reduce health inequities and improve long-term health outcomes **by restoring health in cases of communicable and non-communicable diseases,**

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraphs 27bis and 27ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 27 to read as follows:

(27bis) *Underscoring* that efforts need to be focused on young people as young men and women, married or unmarried, need access to sexual and reproductive health information and services,

(27ter) *Also underscoring, in keeping with the ICPD Programme of Action and key actions for its further implementation, universal access to post-abortion care and access to safe abortions where they are legal,*

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

Preambular paragraph 28

Amend to read as follows:

(28) *Underlining* that most maternal and child deaths are preventable and that many are the result of conditions that can be treated by ~~well-known~~ **tested** and cost-effective interventions,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 29

Amend to read as follows:

(29) *Convinced* that the rationale for prioritizing women's, **newborn** and children's health in development strategies is compelling and that the need to do so is indisputable,

(Netherlands)

Amend to read as follows:

(29) *Convinced* that the rationale for prioritizing women's, ~~and~~ children's **and adolescent** health in development strategies is compelling and that the need to do so is indisputable,

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraphs 29bis, 29ter, 29quater and 29quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 29 to read as follows:

(29bis) *Recognizing* that lack of access to quality sexual and reproductive health services, including lack of access to contraceptives, is a major contributing factor to maternal mortality,

(29ter) **Considering that unwanted pregnancies are disproportionately high among young unmarried girls, that these adolescent girls are more likely to give birth without skilled birth attendants and therefore, that they also run the risk of pregnancy-related deaths,**

(29quater) **Noting that unsafe abortions account for 13 per cent of overall maternal deaths,**

(29quinquies) **Aware of the importance of providing people with information, education and services that are appropriate to their age and needs, starting from childhood through adolescence and extending throughout the life cycle,**

(Sweden)

## **OPERATIVE PART**

### Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Encourages* parliamentarians to build partnerships with relevant stakeholders to achieve the health-related MDGs, working closely with governments, **and as appropriate**, civil society, local communities, multilateral organizations, global funds and foundations, the media;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Encourages* parliamentarians to build partnerships with relevant stakeholders to achieve the health-related MDGs, working closely with governments, civil society, local communities, **health care professionals, academics and research institutions**, multilateral organizations, global funds and foundations, the media, and the private sector;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Encourages* parliamentarians to build partnerships with relevant stakeholders to achieve the health-related MDGs, working closely with governments, civil society, local communities, multilateral organizations, global funds and foundations, the media, and the private sector **in accordance with national laws**;

(Venezuela)

### Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Recommends* that national parliaments, regional parliamentary assemblies and the IPU hold regular debates on progress towards the realization of MDGs 3, 4, 5 and 6 **and target 1.C**;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* the parliaments of States that have not yet done so to support ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the relevant Optional Protocols, and to commit to the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health, **the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by UN General Assembly Resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986;**

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* the parliaments of States that have not yet done so to support ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), **and its new Optional Protocol establishing a communications procedure for individual complaints,** and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the relevant Optional Protocols, and to commit to the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health;

*(Spain)*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* the parliaments of States ~~that have not yet done so to support ratification of~~ **the countries that have not yet done so to support ratification of** ~~ratified the international conventions to join~~ the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the relevant Optional Protocols, and to commit to the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health, **with emphasis on the importance of correlating all the commitments and international agreements under a framework that preserves the privacy of each country politically, socially and religiously in such a way as to prevent any breach of these considerations and taking into account the reservations expressed by any country on a set of commitments contained in any treaty or agreement;**

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* the parliaments of States that have not yet done so to support ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child

(CRC), and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the relevant Optional Protocols, and to commit to the Global Strategy on Women's, ~~and~~ Children's **and adolescent** Health;

(Venezuela)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliamentarians to closely monitor the domestic implementation of international and regional human rights instruments so as to ensure that all applicable obligations and recommendations, ~~including those under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, CEDAW and the CRC,~~ are fully implemented and respected by all levels of government;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliamentarians to closely monitor the domestic implementation of international and regional human rights instruments **and related summits and conferences of the United Nations system**, so as to ensure that all applicable obligations and recommendations **concerning these population groups**, ~~including those under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, CEDAW and the CRC,~~ are fully implemented and respected by all levels of government **and oriented towards strengthening both its implementation and follow-up**;

(Venezuela)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Recommends* that parliaments request **regular annual** updates on the steps taken by their governments to implement international human rights instruments and programmes related to health and gender equality;

(Belgium and United Kingdom)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Recommends* that parliaments request **regular bi-annual** updates on the steps taken by their governments to implement international human rights instruments and programmes related to health and gender equality;

(Finland)

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 6

Replace the existing paragraph with the following text:

6. ***Calls upon*** parliaments to monitor the national reporting and evaluation processes established under international human rights instruments, as well as the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council, particularly regarding the right to health and gender equality;

(Romania)

New operative paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 7 to read as follows

**7bis. Invites parliaments to see to it that national health policies and strategies incorporate a gender perspective, and that medical education and research take full account of the existing gender differences in health;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to introduce or amend legislation **to provide universal access to sexual and reproductive health by ensuring the availability of contraception and by eliminating obstacles to access to family planning services**, to guarantee equal access to health services for all women and children without discrimination, and to provide essential health services that are free at the point of use for all pregnant women and children, including the removal of any fees;

*(France)*

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to introduce or amend legislation to ~~guarantee~~ **promote** equal access to health services for all women and children without discrimination, and to provide essential health services that are free at the point of use for all pregnant women and children, including the removal of any fees;

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to introduce or amend legislation to guarantee equal access to **information and** health services for all women and children without discrimination, **including adolescents**, and to provide essential health services that are free at the point of use for all pregnant women and children, including the removal of any fees;

*(Netherlands)*

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to introduce or amend legislation to guarantee equal access to health services for all women, ~~and~~ children **and adolescents** without discrimination, and to provide **them with** essential health services that are free at the point of use ~~for all pregnant women and children~~, including the removal of any fees;

*(Venezuela)*

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

- 8bis. Calls on parliaments to appeal to their governments to ensure pre- and post-partem medical care for mothers and newborns by reducing working hours for pregnant women in the final two months of their pregnancy and granting them two weeks of paid leave before delivery upon request, and by increasing the length of paid maternity leave to up to a minimum of 120 days and unpaid maternity leave of up to a minimum of 100 days in special cases such as the birth of twins, premature babies and those with special needs, and giving them time-off to breastfeed after returning to work; and calls for women who have experienced a miscarriage after the first trimester to be given paid leave of 14 days and fathers paternity leave of not fewer than seven days and for equal maternity and paternity leave in the public and private sectors;**

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Also urges* parliaments to pass laws explicitly criminalizing all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, **forced and early marriage**, sexual violence (including in situations of armed conflict), and female genital mutilation;

*(France)*

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Also urges* parliaments to pass laws explicitly criminalizing all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, sexual violence (including in situations of armed conflict), and female genital mutilation, **and calls upon parliaments to formulate policies aimed at protecting victims;**

*(Netherlands)*

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Also urges* parliaments to pass laws explicitly criminalizing all forms of violence against women, ~~and~~ girls, **boys and adolescents**, including domestic violence, sexual violence (including in situations of armed conflict), and female **and male** genital mutilation;

*(Venezuela)*

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Calls upon* parliaments to use the oversight and accountability tools at their disposal throughout the budgetary process to ensure that adequate ~~domestic expenditures~~ **financial resources** are allocated for **sexual and** reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, which should include funding commensurate with the gap between existing resources and those necessary to achieve MDGs 4, 5 and 6 at the national level;

*(Venezuela)*

New operative paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

**10bis. Requests parliaments to ensure that the funds and aid allocated to health are actually released and used for the relevant programmes;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Also calls upon* parliamentarians to use the oversight and accountability tools at their disposal to work to ensure that all commitments made to the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health are fulfilled, **and that all the recommendations of the subsequent Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health are implemented;**

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Also calls upon* parliamentarians to use the oversight and accountability tools at their disposal to work to ensure that all commitments made to the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy on Women's, ~~and~~ Children's **and adolescent** Health are fulfilled;

(Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 11 to read as follows

**11bis. Requests the agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNICEF, to provide poor and developing countries with more of the multifaceted support they need to implement policies and programmes focused on reducing maternal and infant mortality;**

(Congo)

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 11 to read as follows

**11bis. Calls upon parliaments to further enhance support for the educational fields in order to improve long-term health outcomes and to promote social participation;**

(Japan)

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Encourages* parliaments to advocate for lines in the health budget to be earmarked for the provision of essential reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services to vulnerable women and children, including those in the poorest households, those living in rural areas, those who are members of indigenous communities or minority groups, those with disabilities, **those living with HIV**, and adolescent girls;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Encourages* parliaments to advocate for lines in the health budget to be earmarked for the provision of essential **sexual** and reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services to vulnerable women and children, including those in the poorest households, those living in rural areas, those who are members of indigenous communities or minority groups, those with disabilities, and adolescent girls;
- (Spain)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Encourages* parliaments to advocate for lines in the health budget to be earmarked for the provision of essential reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services to vulnerable women and children, including those in the poorest households, those living in rural areas, those who are members of indigenous communities or minority groups, **and** those with disabilities, ~~and adolescent girls~~;
- (Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 13 to read as follows

- 13bis. *Encourages* parliaments to support the use of gender budgeting as a tool for addressing women's health needs;**
- (Romania)

Operative paragraph 14

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 15 to read as follows

- 15bis. *Invites* the African States that have not yet done so to implement the Maputo Plan of Action for Africa, which was adopted by the African Union (AU) Summit in 2006 and which provides inter alia for the adoption of national roadmaps to reduce maternal, neonatal and infant mortality in accordance with the AU roadmap, and *calls for* the launch in each country of the Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA), initiated and launched by the AU in 2009;**
- (Congo)

New operative paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 15 to read as follows

- 15bis. *Calls upon* Member Parliaments, in particular those of the G8 countries, to enact relevant laws and use the oversight and accountability mechanisms at their disposal to monitor the fulfilment of financial commitments used to conduct health initiatives in the least developed countries,**
- (Egypt)

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 15 to read as follows

- 15bis. Urges parliaments and their members to take all necessary measures to enhance women's effective participation and leadership at all levels of health governance;**  
(Romania)

Operative paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls upon* parliamentarians in countries providing official development assistance (ODA) to **work towards increasing their country's ODA for health and** to hold their governments to account for honouring their commitments and for reporting – based on common international indicators – on the proportion of ODA being directed to reproductive, women's and children's health and the promotion of gender equality;  
(Romania)

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls upon* parliamentarians in countries providing official development assistance (ODA) to hold their governments to account for honouring their commitments and for reporting – based on common international indicators – on the proportion of ODA being directed to reproductive, women's, ~~and~~ children's **and adolescent** health and the promotion of gender equality, **and that these funds are audited in terms of their efficiency and effectiveness;**  
(Venezuela)

Operative paragraph 17

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Also calls upon* parliamentarians in countries that provide ODA to evaluate this spending to ensure that it prioritizes **without conditionalities** the recipient countries, sectors, communities and programmes with the greatest demonstrated needs and vulnerabilities;  
(Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Also calls upon* parliamentarians in countries that provide ODA to evaluate this spending, **through parliamentary field investigations and deliberations in committees on development assistance,** to ensure that it prioritizes the recipient countries, sectors, communities and programmes with the greatest demonstrated needs and vulnerabilities;  
(Japan)

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Also calls upon* parliamentarians in countries that provide ODA to evaluate this spending to ensure that it prioritizes the recipient countries, sectors, communities and programmes with the greatest demonstrated needs and vulnerabilities **and that these resources are distributed in a more equitable manner;**  
(Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 17 to read as follows:

- 17bis. Urges parliamentarians in countries that provide ODA to ensure that the necessary resources are made available to make up for the shortfall in health funding in the least developed countries, if necessary by having recourse to innovative funding mechanisms;**

*(France)*

New operative paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 18 to read as follows:

- 18bis. Also encourages parliamentarians in countries that provide ODA to verify that the aid programmes implemented, in particular in the field of maternal and child health, are managed against results-based objectives and based on the principle of shared responsibility;**

*(France)*

Operative paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

19. *Calls upon* parliamentarians to scrutinize ~~all~~**their** government health interventions to ensure they are evidence-based, conform to international human rights standards, and are responsive to regular and transparent performance reviews;

*(Islamic Republic of Iran)*

Amend to read as follows:

19. *Calls upon* parliamentarians to scrutinize all government health interventions to ensure they are, **to the extent possible**, evidence-based, conform to international human rights standards, and are responsive to regular and transparent performance reviews;

*(Netherlands)*

New operative paragraph 20bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 20 to read as follows:

- 20bis. Also encourages parliamentarians to ensure a coordinated approach to all matters pertaining to maternal and child health, such as sanitation, access to safe drinking water, the fight against malnutrition and gender equality;**

*(France)*

Operative paragraph 21

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Urges* parliaments **to support the training of health professionals, including birth attendants, and** to promote universal access to delivery care by skilled birth attendants;

*(Japan)*

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Urges* parliaments to promote universal access to delivery care by skilled birth attendants, **as well as universal access to reproductive health information, services and supplies, including contraceptives;**

(Netherlands)

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Urges* parliaments to promote universal access to delivery care by skilled birth attendants, **including midwives;**

(Sweden)

Initially submitted in Spanish, this amendment has no impact on the English version.

(Venezuela)

#### New operative paragraph 21bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 21 to read as follows:

- 21bis. *Invites* parliaments to support sexual education that is age-appropriate, gender-sensitive and life skills-based in order to enable young people to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS;**

(Romania)

#### Operative paragraph 22

Amend to read as follows:

22. *Appeals* to parliamentarians to promote the establishment and/or enhancement, before 2015, of accurate civil registration systems to register all births and deaths and to attribute causes of death, particularly in relation to women, ~~and~~ children **and adolescents;**

(Venezuela)

#### New operative paragraph 23bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 23 to read as follows

- 23bis. *Encourages* parliaments to take into consideration, including under development cooperation, the WHO recommendations on maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, such as the Guidelines for preventing early pregnancy and poor reproductive outcomes among adolescents in developing countries, and to support the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;**

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Encourages* ~~parliaments~~ **health departments** to explore innovative approaches to health service design and delivery, including the use of information and communications technologies such as mobile phones, in order to reach women and children in remote areas, to facilitate emergency responses to births, and to collect and disseminate health information as widely as possible, **in particular by also addressing men and adolescent boys;**

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Encourages* parliaments to explore innovative approaches to health service design and delivery, including the use of information and communications technologies such as **telemedecine**, mobile phones, in order to reach women, ~~and~~ children **and adolescents** in remote areas, to facilitate emergency responses to births, and to collect and disseminate health information as widely as possible;

(Venezuela)

Operative paragraph 25

Amend to read as follows:

25. ~~Invites~~ **Reiterates that** parliaments ~~to~~ work with governments to consider the establishment of transparent domestic accountability mechanisms for maternal and child health, which could take the form of a multi-stakeholder national commission that reports to parliament;

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

25. *Invites* parliaments to work **in conjunction** with governments to consider the establishment of transparent domestic accountability mechanisms for **questions requiring changes to** maternal and child health **policy**, which could take the form of a multi-stakeholder national commission that reports to parliament;

(Venezuela)

New operative paragraph 25bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 25 to read as follows

- 25bis. Requests parliamentarians and governments to criminalize certain types of medical errors committed by health personnel treating women and children, in particular pregnant women, during prenatal consultations and delivery;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 26

Amend to read as follows:

26. *Requests* the IPU to facilitate exchanges among its Member Parliaments so as to build the capacity of parliamentarians to monitor all of the policy and programme areas **on human rights and related summits and conferences of the United Nations system**, as well as the above-mentioned budgetary and legislative activities, **in addition to strengthening systems for monitoring regional and international instruments**;
- (Venezuela)*

New operative paragraph 26bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 26 to read as follows:

- 26bis. Encourages the IPU to enhance cooperation with the specialized UN agencies and parliamentary networks engaged in the promotion of women's and children's health and rights**;
- (Romania)*

Operative paragraph 27

Amend to read as follows:

27. *Also requests* the IPU to develop an accountability mechanism - based on the 2011 report of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's, ~~and~~ Children's **and adolescent** Health, *Keeping Promises, Measuring Results* - to monitor the progress of Member Parliaments in implementing this resolution between the date of its adoption and 2015, and to publish the results of that review annually.
- (Venezuela)*

New operative paragraph 27bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 27 to read as follows:

- 27bis. Calls upon parliamentarians to participate in and use the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process of the UN Human Rights Council to ensure that all UN Member States comply with their human rights obligations, particularly those related to the right to health, and to follow up on the recommendations made to their government by their peers.**
- (Belgium and United Kingdom)*

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 27 to read as follows:

- 27bis. Encourages parliaments to ensure comprehensive sexual education that is age-appropriate, gender-sensitive and life skills-based to provide all young people with the knowledge to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV and AIDS.**
- (Finland)*

New operative paragraphs 27bis and 27ter

Add two new paragraphs after paragraph 27 to read as follows:

- 27bis.** *Urges* parliamentarians to work for sexual education for all young people that is age-appropriate, gender-sensitive and life skills-based;
- 27ter.** *Urges* parliamentarians to work for the decriminalization of abortion where it is illegal and to make sure that abortions are safe where they are legal as a means of saving the lives of girls, adolescents and women.

(Sweden)

New operative paragraphs 27bis and 27ter

Add two new paragraphs after paragraph 27 to read as follows:

- 27bis.** *Requests* that the advantages of information and communication technologies, such as telemedicine and telehealth, in rural and inaccessible areas be promoted for remote medical consultations, and *calls for* training for personnel and existing social movements at the various levels of health care within the health system, with the support of national and regional initiatives;
- 27ter.** *Calls for* the conclusion of regional agreements to foster and strengthen cooperation, complementarity and humanitarian assistance for these population groups based on the identification of success stories.

(Venezuela)