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Globalization & Trade

Outline of the resolutions ‘Promoting Health In An Era Of Global Free Trade’, ‘International Debt Relief’, ‘Public Health and Globalization’, ‘Access to Essential Medicines, the Need for Fair Prices, and Better Research’ and ‘Health and International Trade Agreements’, ‘Ethical Restrictions On International Recruitment Of Health Professionals From Low-Income Countries’ and the position paper ‘International Trade Agreements: Priorities for Health’

The six resolutions and one position paper, passed by the WFPHA General Assembly, were published in the period between 1998 and 2005 under the heading ‘**Globalization & Trade**’. The outline of the papers as follows:

Concern of the WFPHA that free trade agreements have diminished the prospects of widespread health and prosperity in several ways, and commitment of the WFPHA to support the policies that enhance the social, economic, and environmental conditions affecting the health of the global community (*Promoting Health In An Era Of Global Free Trade, 1998*).

Recognition of the debt crisis threatening health and security of large amount of people, and the resolution proposed by the WFPHA (*International Debt Relief, 1999*).

Illustration of the consequences of globalization on public health, and the role of the WFPHA assuming world leadership in capacity building within the public health field (*Public Health and Globalization, 2001*).

Introduction of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), first proposed in 1994, as international trade agreement that sets rules for how services will be traded globally by private transnational corporations is introduced, and how it impacts the health care community and should be addressed by (*International Trade Agreements: Priorities for Health, 2003*).

An introduction to the problem of limited access of essential medicine in growing parts of the world (i.e. in the treatment of HIV) in the context of medicines, prevention and human rights, and presentation of the commitment of the WFPHA to this subject (*Access to Essential Medicines, the Need for Fair Prices, and Better Research, 2004*).

The review of recent developments in global trade, and their possible consequences for protecting and promoting public health during annual meeting of the WFPHA in 2004. The WFPHA reiterates the concerns and reaffirms the principles articulated in its 2003 position



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paper 'International Trade Agreements: Priorities for Health', and advocates the principle of health before trade (*Health and International Trade Agreements, 2004*).

Outline on the migration of health professionals from less prosperous countries into privileged countries of the world, and its adverse effects and negative impact on health care systems, and introducing the 'Code of Ethics Pertaining to Health Worker Recruitment from Developing Countries' (*Ethical Restrictions On International Recruitment Of Health Professionals From Low-Income Countries, 2005*).