**FORUM:** Economic and Social Council

**QUESTION OF:**  [Ensuring the Proper Provision of Medical Services to Lower-Income Classes](https://munisc.isqchina.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ECOSOC_04_Ensuring-the-Proper-Provision-of-Medical-Services-to-Lower-Income-Classes.pdf)

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

*Aware that* the difference in health status or distribution of health resources between different population groups exists in many countries,

*Emphasizing* the negative consequences of lack of medical care, as it creates a huge economic loss,

*Deeply concerned* by the fact that around half the world’s population is not able to access essential healthcare,

*Realizing* thatover three times as many people in the low-income status have problems paying the medical bill as people in higher income status,

*Observing* that life-threatening infectious disease spreads rapidly in countries with higher overall poverty rate compare to economically developed countries,

*Noting* with deep concern that Malaria may lower the economic growth by 13% in largely affected countries,

*Alarmed* by the 1.4% decrease in GDP in European Union nations due to health inequity,

*Commend* 125 countries who signed the Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health to mitigate health inequalities within nations,

*Express hope* that further action is taken by all member nations to provide essential medical services to all people including Lower Income Classes,

1.  Urge all members of states and organizations of the United Nations(UN) to continue to assist the Lower Income Classes to ensure proper provision of medical services through such organizations but not limited to:

(a) International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank give financial assistance specifically targeting the low income family,

(b) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Countries support medicines to Lower Income Classes,

(c) World Health Organization (WHO) ensure better health against communicable diseases like influenza and HIV and noncommunicable diseases like cancer and heart diseases;

2.     Request all member states to strengthen their healthcare systems in order to ensure equitable health outcomes through the method of:

(a) Investments to strengthen health infrastructures and train skilled workforce how to procure and distribute quality medical products and technologies,

(b) Strengthen training policy to increase workers and distribute them to rural areas;

3. *Strongly suggest* nations to expand medical facilities in underdeveloped area through methods such as but not limited to:

a. Securing budget for facility construction costs,

b. Adding the number of dispatched medical staffs by encouraging volunteers in the way such as but not limited to:

i.  Raising salary,

ii. Providing residential space;

4. *Calls upon* member states to guarantee people’s fundamental well-being through methods such as but not limited to:

a. Enforcing minimum wage policies by emphasizing that these laws must be followed and outlining penalties that will be given if these laws are violated,

b. Establishing or strengthening National Health Insurance by raising the budget to subsidize full medical expenses in the case of severe disease,

c. Providing full medical support to low-income households selected through thorough criteria screening by checking their wealth and house condition,

d. Encouraging implementation of *Health in All Policies*,

e. Carrying out annual checks on the status quo of nations regarding health equity:

i. Sending officers from relevant UN organizations such as WHO and NGOs such as Human Rights Watch,

ii. Submit annual reports to the United Nations,

iii. To brief law reform relevant to health equity;

5. *Invites* member states to review the goals of the Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinant of Health, and to actively implement the articles by enforcing its goal to reach overall health equity by inviting member states to review and reiterate determination to take action on social determinants of health as collectively agreed by the World Health Assembly;

6. Calls for the WHO, along with related NGOs to hold a conference with the question of ensuring the proper provision of medical services to lower income class and discuss the following but not limited to:

a. The status of each country,

b. Future actions that should be taken by the nations to reach health equity,

c. Evaluation of actions taken and laws enforced by the nations;

7. *Suggest* nations to promote health welfare and public medical services provided by the government to increase public awareness and lower the entry barrier through methods such as but not limited to:

a. Designating Health Care Day and host an annual ceremony,

b. Presenting award certificate annually to encourage all medical staffs,

c. Taking forms such as but not limited to:

i. Public service advertisement,

ii. Social media,

iii. Banner and Billboard,

iv. Information video;