

Committee: World Health Organization (WHO)

Topic A: Regulating the safety of companies in order to keep the workers healthy.

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I. Introduction

The World Health Organization by being part of the United Nations has the main purpose to address international public health matters. According to the Constitution of the committee, our main objective is reaching the highest level of health possible for all people. Together as a committee we aim to combat both communicable and non communicable diseases around the world to provide a healthier future for the population around the globe. The main principle our committee stands for is that *“All people should enjoy the highest standard of health, regardless of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition”*. Our committee also makes recommendations and helps people by making sure all countries take action to provide a healthier lifestyle for their citizens. Our staff has worked with the governments and health professionals of each country to make a real change in our world.

The health of workers is definitely essential for the safety of the person as well as for their productivity in the workplace and the economic and personal development of themselves. Nowadays many workers are hired in different companies around the world without having any social protection or safety standards. About 80% of people working in either small enterprises, agricultural sectors, or migrants, do not have the opportunity to be secured with any safety measures or health protection. There are many risks that one can face while being part of a workplace, such as the heat, noise, dust, strong chemicals, psychological stress, etc, which can lead to different diseases or even making already existing health problems become worse. According to The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 *“The right of employees to work in a safe and healthy environment is enshrined in law. As such, it cannot be withdrawn or diluted by your employer.”*

II. Body

According to our statistics and key facts on the subject, people in their workplace tend to suffer from many injuries that can lead to chronic diseases, 37% are cases of back pain, 16% hearing loss, 13% chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, 11% asthma, 8% injuries, 9% lung cancer, 2% leukaemia and 8% depression. Based on the research of our committee, approximately 70% of the workers do not have any insurance to safeguard them in case of any diseases or injuries.

Universal health care provides access to several health services like treatment, rehabilitation, prevention, etc; with the main purpose of protecting and preventing illnesses. Specialized occupational health services are in charge of coming up with new recommendations to prevent diseases in the workplace as well as providing medical check ups and treatment for workers at risk to avoid more damage, although these types of services are at present only available for 15% of the employees around the world.

Our committee has taken several actions to solve this issue and make sure the employees all around the world get the safety measures they need. WHO launched the *“Workers’ health: Global Plan of Action”* in the World Health Assembly with the objective of calling all the member states *“to work towards full coverage of all workers, particularly those in the informal sector, agriculture, small enterprises and migrant workers with essential interventions and basic occupational health services for primary prevention of occupational and work-related diseases and injuries.”*

The committee has also proposed some other solutions to address the issue, some of them include the following:

- Increasing the skills of nurses, practitioners, health workers etc. to improve their working conditions.
- Improving quality and having more advanced specialized health services to assess and reduce occupational risks and having a healthier and safer work environment.
- Establishing relationships and connections between primary care and occupational health services in order to have a better control and take greater care of workers that are suffering from chronic diseases.

III. Conclusion

In conclusion, employees around the world are not enjoying the safety measures and health insurance that they should. We as a committee have the responsibility of letting people know that this is happening all around the world. Laws are not being respected and by not having a safe workplace, employees are very propense to get serious diseases that can even lead to their death. Workplace illnesses and injuries can be avoided and prevented. It is important to constantly look at the safety measures in companies to make sure they are updated and as best as they can be. Businesses that achieve lower injury rates have efficient working health and safety programs in place.

It is very important that all employers know they are safe and that they have the opportunity to enjoy healthy conditions in which they are able to work efficiently without any risks. We as representatives of the committee invite all of the delegates to promote awareness and come up with solutions to address this and make a change in the safety measures of workplaces around the world.

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