

## HR A-2 Human Rights Council

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**Sponsors:** People's Republic of China, the Italian Republic, the Russian Federation, and the French Republic.

**Signatures:** Republic of Angola, Argentina Republic, Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Ecuador, Republic of Guatemala, State of Israel, United Mexican States, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Republic of Panama, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

**Topic:** Execution of Assisted Euthanasia in Cases of Mental Health

1. **Conscious** that euthanasia is still an illegal procedure in the majority of nations,
2. **Expressing** concern for the well-being of patients suffering from mental health disorders,
3. **Taking into account** religious, economic, and political factors that make euthanasia an unfeasible option for many nations in Block A2,
4. **Bearing in mind** the importance of equipping medical professionals with the necessary skills to assist patients with mental health conditions,
5. **Stressing** the need to educate the population on mental health care and the consequences of untreated mental illnesses,
6. **Recognizing** that developing countries require financial assistance to implement mental health training programs and expand access to mental health care,
7. **Guided** by the Human Rights Council's objective to protect all human rights, particularly the inalienable right to life,

### **Short-term Solutions:**

1. Recommends the establishment of a global mental health fund sponsored by G5 countries within Block A2, namely the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, in collaboration with the WHO's Mental Health Action Plan, NGOs, and willing member states.
2. Encourages the implementation of mandatory mental health training programs for medical professionals as part of the requirements for professional licensing. These programs should:
  - 2.1 Include mental health awareness and crisis intervention training for general practitioners, nurses, and emergency responders.
  - 2.2 Introduce trauma-informed care to ensure professionals are equipped to treat patients with mental health crises or trauma.
  - 2.3 Be overseen by National Ministries of Health in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO).

3. Supports the expansion of palliative care services to provide adequate treatment for patients with mental illnesses by:
  - 3.1 Implementing home-based palliative care for individuals unable to visit hospitals.
  - 3.2 Equipping home care teams with medical, psychological, and spiritual support resources.
4. Urges allocating a portion of the global fund to subsidize free access to psychological treatments, medication, palliative care, and other essential medical services for low-income populations.

**Middle-term Solutions:**

5. Designates part of the global fund to establish training centers in regions with high concentrations of medical professionals. These centers will:
  - 5.1 Offer specialized training in mental health care, including pain management, communication skills, and ethical considerations of end-of-life care.
6. Promotes educational programs in schools and universities to raise awareness about mental health disorders and their impact. These programs should:
  - 6.1 Include conferences led by healthcare professionals and individuals with lived experiences to foster understanding and empathy.
  - 6.2 Encourage resilience, compassion, and self-confidence to reduce the prevalence of mental health issues among youth.

**Long-term Solutions:**

7. Proposes the development of virtual emotional assistance tools powered by artificial intelligence. These tools should:
  - 7.1 Be modeled after programs that have demonstrated success, such as Israel's AI-based intervention, which reduced suicide rates by 38% in three years.
  - 7.2 Be accompanied by community organizations of voluntary medical professionals to serve rural areas lacking access to technology.
8. Calls for a portion of the fund to be allocated to clinical research at universities and health institutions, focusing on novel therapies and medications for severe mental health disorders, including chronic depression and schizophrenia.

This resolution underscores the importance of international cooperation in addressing mental health crises, ensuring equitable access to care, and reducing the need for assisted euthanasia through comprehensive mental health support systems.

