

## **FIRST SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS MODEL**

### **DRAFT POLITICAL COMMITMENT FOR THE IX SUMMIT**

#### **The Path To Achieving Health Resilience Within The Americas**

This draft proposal is presented by Antigua And Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia And Brazil

**We, the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, commit:**

1. To establish a working model that can be achieved through collaboration for Universal Healthcare that is inclusive to all states within the hemisphere that can be implemented by 2030.
2. To evaluate the effects of the on-going pandemic in efforts to strengthen the healthcare sector inclusive of the mental, social and physical perspectives at the community, national, regional and hemispheric levels. Paying specific attention to the unique challenges faced by vulnerable marginalized groups including women, youth, elderly persons, LGBTQ+ persons, persons with disabilities, members of indigenous communities, and members of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.
3. To implement management techniques that ensure the preparedness of states through comprehensive blueprints for possible future health crises and unforeseen natural disasters through:
  - a. Ensuring to address measures to implement and maintain cost-effective strategies across the American States via collaboration.
  - b. Making evidence-based recommendations with reliable officials through the inclusion of medical personnel, ambassadors of state, representatives of minority groups and experts from the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO).
  - c. Collaborating with indigenous communities to ensure sustainable food security for the wider populations with strategies which are compatible with care and respect for the environment.
  - d. Working to ensure the allocation and creation of alternative sources of energy that will be able to support affected health facilities inclusive of social, physical and mental centers.
  - e. Establishing legislation that regulates the financial impact on the populous through subsidization from both private and public sectors of the hemisphere.

4. To implement the Inter-American Health Promotion Strategy which focuses on creating partnerships with international actors and organizations to achieve sustainable health infrastructure through the:
  - a. Strengthening relationships between the Organization of American States and the health industry vis-a-vis PAHO.
  - b. Adopt partnerships with institutions like the Global Health Advocacy Incubator that aims to combat systemic non-communicable diseases like obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancer and adverse behavioral habits like alcoholism and smoking.
  - c. Incentivize and help fund start-ups that focus on biomedical advancement, health technology, telehealth, and health related artificial intelligence technology through international lending groups like the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) and lobbying groups to create a diversified and resilient economy that can support.
  
5. To strengthen social protection across the Americas, and build trust in the health care systems' effectiveness, focusing on ensuring the basic needs of vulnerable populations in order to provide equitable conditions when facing health challenges through:
  - a. Providing monetary assistance to people whose livelihoods have been directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; including but not limited to low-income informal workers, self-employed people, individual micro entrepreneurs, women in vulnerable situations, elderly groups, indigenous people, and all other minority groups.
  - b. Providing financing and side-by-side support so that low-income families can have access to adequate housing, and be involved in the construction process; considering that a lack of decent housing has a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of a person.
  - c. Ensuring adequate mental health support to people who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic both physically and mentally, and other systemic non-communicable diseases that highly affect individuals.
  - d. Address the inequalities presented in commitment 2, in order to take an equitable and close approach to marginalized groups.
  
6. To strive for and strengthen education to governments and the public on general health matters in order to create sustainable and long-term health solutions via:
  - a. Establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with Universities across the region to create exchange programs in collaboration with PAHO to develop the hemispheric health sector.
  - b. Working in health facilities located in developing, low-resource and developing countries as a part of their own medical programs.

- c. Educating the public on the importance of exercise, diet, the consequences of smoking and alcoholism to combat non communicable diseases prevalent to the region like obesity, cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases.
- d. Ensuring that the necessary health information is available to indigenous communities in their native language, as well as ensuring that other minority groups have access to all relevant educational information.
- e. Investing in think tanks, universities or other hemispheric research organizations that can research and publish more data and statistics, especially for Caribbean countries, as there is a huge discrepancy in utilizing data.
- f. Ensuring that health information is available across communities in partnership with PAHO.
- g. Educating citizens on how to create and maintain self-sustainable agriculture for the sake of lower dependency on imports and more reliable food accessibility.

