

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 2
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Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: COVID-19 Crisis in Asia

Referred to: Reference Committee
(, Chair)

1 Whereas, The world has suffered from the pandemic caused by COVID-19, causing the
2 death of millions of people across the globe; and
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4 Whereas, The USA has been successful in bringing the infection and death rate down; and
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6 Whereas, After the initial control over the pandemic, multiple countries in Asia including India,
7 Nepal, Thailand, etc. are experiencing a surge of COVID-19 infections and deaths with variants
8 like B.1.617.2 that has overwhelmed the health system to a point where rich and poor, even
9 doctors in the frontlines are dying with lack of basic needs like oxygen: and
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11 Whereas, The risk of another surge of COVID-19 infection with more virulent strains in the U.S.
12 is more likely unless the pandemic is controlled across the globe; and
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14 Whereas, Good hearted individuals and physicians, have risen to the occasion, have donated
15 and raised millions of dollars in donations, acquired oxygen concentrators, high flow oxygen
16 devices and respirators and shipped them to those countries; therefore, be it
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18 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate the U.S. government to continue providing all possible
19 assistance including surplus vaccines and vaccines that have not had Emergency Use
20 Authorization to the citizens of countries with precarious situations in this humanitarian crisis
21 including but not limited to India, Nepal, Thailand, Myanmar, etc.; (Directive to Take Action) and
22 be it
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24 RESOLVED, That our AMA explore all possible assistance through the World Medical
25 Association and the World Health Organization for the citizens of countries where the cases of
26 COVID-19 have been exponentially increasing, (Directive to Take Action) and be it further
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28 RESOLVED, That our AMA recognize the extraordinary efforts of many dedicated physicians,
29 physician and ethnic organizations assisting in this humanitarian crisis. (Directive to Take
30 Action)

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

None.