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Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: COVID-19 Crisis in Asia

Referred to: Reference Committee  (Chair)

Whereas, The world has suffered from the pandemic caused by COVID-19, causing the death of millions of people across the globe; and

Whereas, The USA has been successful in bringing the infection and death rate down; and

Whereas, After the initial control over the pandemic, multiple countries in Asia including India, Nepal, Thailand, etc. are experiencing a surge of COVID-19 infections and deaths with variants like B.1.617.2 that has overwhelmed the health system to a point where rich and poor, even doctors in the frontlines are dying with lack of basic needs like oxygen: and

Whereas, The risk of another surge of COVID-19 infection with more virulent strains in the U.S. is more likely unless the pandemic is controlled across the globe; and

Whereas, Good hearted individuals and physicians, have risen to the occasion, have donated and raised millions of dollars in donations, acquired oxygen concentrators, high flow oxygen devices and respirators and shipped them to those countries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate the U.S. government to continue providing all possible assistance including surplus vaccines and vaccines that have not had Emergency Use Authorization to the citizens of countries with precarious situations in this humanitarian crisis including but not limited to India, Nepal, Thailand, Myanmar, etc.; (Directive to Take Action) and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA explore all possible assistance through the World Medical Association and the World Health Organization for the citizens of countries where the cases of COVID-19 have been exponentially increasing, (Directive to Take Action) and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA recognize the extraordinary efforts of many dedicated physicians, physician and ethnic organizations assisting in this humanitarian crisis. (Directive to Take Action)

References:


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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

None.