Introduction by: International Medical Graduates Section
Subject: Hardship for International Medical Graduates from Russia and Belarus
Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

Whereas, Russia, with the support of Belarus, invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, causing the international community to respond with sanctions and having most international businesses to leave both countries due to oppressors; and

Whereas, Currently there is nearly absent communication (mail, internet, ability to make payments) with organizations located in Belarus and Russia due to either sanctions or services no longer available; and

Whereas, There are international medical graduates (IMGs) in the U.S. who completed their medical school in Russia or Belarus, and who may require primary source verification for licensure or other certifications/credentialing; and

Whereas, There is a concern that the IMGs from Russia and Belarus, who either are in residency/fellowship training or already practicing, may not be able to obtain primary source verification until the means of communication and relationships are restored; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association study the impact of the current political crisis on international medical graduates with medical degrees from Russia and Belarus who are already in the U.S. either in training or practicing in regards to their ability to obtain primary source verification and report back during the 2022 Interim House of Delegates meeting. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000

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References:


**RELEVANT AMA POLICY**

None.