

## Resolution No 2 Healthcare not Warfare

### The 38th Congress of the INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN

Considering that the Covid-19 pandemic clearly demonstrates that the well-being of all human beings is an objective under the human right of health and that adequate public budgets and other finances are of prime importance to fund hospitals, sanitary equipment and research, even substitute incomes and support big, middle-sized and small enterprises

Convinced that re-directing huge amounts of money spent for warfare into funding of welfare and healthcare and adequate income of care workers is urgent now and in the future: “We need vaccines not marines, we need hospitals not tanks!”

Considering also the environmental damage of warfare in terms of forest devastation, wildlife extinction, and the long-term consequences of greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution on human health

Taking note with great concern that the UN General-Secretary’s urgent appeal for a global ceasefire during these times of the global pandemic has not been followed by any of the conflicting parties and their supporters

Is of the opinion that if humankind is to win the fight against the virus while leaving nobody behind it needs a clear mind shift and a substantial shift in investments and national budgets

Calls on its membership to urge their governments to

- re-direct at least 50 % of all military state expenditure to the health sector, for research in cure and vaccine not only on COVID-19 but on Malaria and other pandemics, as well as for a better equipped sector of care work
- invest to a highest possible extent in all levels of cost free education since we now learnt that health is also depending on education, when understanding prevention measures as well as doing scientific research on medical analysis and solutions (e.g. vaccines)
- follow the UNSG's call for a global ceasefire without delay
- collaborate in cases of crises and armed conflicts globally in mediation and peace negotiation whereby women of the crisis region or countries at war must be equal and meaningful participants in all peace processes at all levels (according to UNSCR 1325, 2000)
- respect and improve the implementation of gender equality in all areas of life and embrace women’s potential to create a culture of peace

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