



RESOLUTION No. 7) UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

**The 29th World Congress of Public Services International (PSI),
meeting in Durban, South Africa, on 27-30 November 2012**

NOTING that:

- a) Health is a fundamental human right and should be accessible to all citizens.
- b) There is an increasing burden of diseases across nations especially in the developing countries.
- c) Health has become a commodity that is sold to the highest bidder and therefore marginalizes the poor.
- d) Health is fast becoming a privatized commodity and therefore its accessibility has become a privilege and no more a fundamental right.

Further NOTING that:

- e) Socio-economic status of societies is on a continuous basis negatively impacted by the gruesome effects of lack of accessibility to health services.
- f) The continuously dilapidated state of healthcare in the developing countries where skilled healthcare workers are migrating from developing to developed countries affect even the developed countries especially at the point of service delivery.

BELIEVES that:

- a) The state of healthcare in the developing countries in particular is mainly aggravated by extreme shortage of human resources and infrastructure.
- b) The cost of pharmaceuticals and medicine for developing countries is extremely high which makes it a challenge for the working class to access these.
- c) Lack of sufficient funds to train healthcare professionals in developing countries further worsens the state of healthcare in the face of chronic pandemics.

RESOLVES that:

- a) The Congress should develop a campaign that advocates for the universal access to healthcare for all, irrespective of their political, social and economic standing.
- b) Develop mechanisms for support towards promotion of healthcare for all across the nations especially in developing countries.
- c) Develop a campaign that advocates for non-privatization of health.
- d) Health human resource development should be the key priority and migration of health professionals should be discouraged.

See all [Congress resolutions](#) including the Program of Action and the Constitution.