Country: Honduras

Committee: World Health Organization

<u>Introduction</u>

Honduras is a small country located in Central America. A natural disaster has ripped Honduras, wars, and the population suffer from poverty. Not all citizens of Honduras is fortunate enough to have access to healthcare. Many people living in rural areas do not have access to healthcare or the healthcare they have access to is extremely low graded. Honduras is also a country with political issues. In the past, corruption has been extremely high for this country. The law is also an issue, resulting in the largest number of crimes in the world. Honduras has the highest amount of murders in the world. Despite these poor conditions, Honduras is continually improving the quality of life for its citizens.

Non-Communicable Diseases

Non-Communicable diseases are a huge problem in Honduras and around the world. NCD are slow progression diseases that cannot get transferred from person to person. These diseases include cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and chronic respiratory diseases. NCD's are more likely to happen in low-middle income countries. Honduras believes that better knowledge and advertising of risks is needed in preventing NCD. NCD's are primarily caused by lack of healthy lifestyle choices. We need to make sure that the citizens of the global population understand the risks of having certain life choices. We need to make aware the risks of such decisions informed with the population. We must ensure that the global community starts changing their lifestyle, resulting in a world with little NCD's. For example, diabetes is caused most often because of obesity and bad life choices. If we can educate each the global population about the risks of obesity. Everyone would be able to think more smartly about what they eat, the amount they eat and the exercise they get. With this, we will result in a healthier country and world. NCD can also be prevented with routine checkups. Honduras also believes that free regular checkups provided by qualified physicians should be performed every 2-3 years. NCD's can be very expensive to treat when caught late. The government usually has to pay for costs to treat the disease but can be unsuccessful. If they can find the NCD at its preliminary area of development. They might be able to reduce the number of deaths it causes.

Global Pharmaceutical Development and Universal Access to Medication

Medicine is what makes each and one of use better after we get sick. Having medication will enable the health care system of each country better cope with disease, outbreaks or conditions. Medication is what we all need to make certain infectious diseases are kept in control, and medical conditions of citizens are dealt with the best they can. Many developing countries do not have the ability to manufacture/ship essential medicine, cannot afford the price of providing or handing out medication or cannot make basic medicines available for the use of the population. Honduras suggests a change in the pricing of drugs. Manufacturing companies should come up with a way to produce medication to third world countries for a lower price. Medicine and healthcare is a fundamental right as stated by the UN. Truthfully, a tiny capsule of life-saving medication that could save a child's life takes only about 1\$ to manufacture. Pharmaceutical companies are charging way too much for something that costs so little to make. A reduction of medication pricing should be given to low-income families or families in poverty. Another resolution would be that third world countries cannot continue to depend on first world countries to provide basic medication for the survival of its citizens. Honduras also proposes to create a system to manufacture and distribute drug independently. Third world countries need to start a system to exist independently. Third world countries need to stop depending on first world countries to survive. Having this relationship with first-world countries controlling life or death medication could result in global unrest, and dependent on other nations could be unreliable when a disaster happens. Honduras believes that slowly with the support of first world countries, third world countries can begin the process of creating and making medication available to everyone that is in dire need. The most reliable source of drugs is medication designed with the ability of the country.

Gender Based Inequities in Global Health

Gender-based inequality should not be happening. When a human being requests health care, all they are attempting to do is to get better. They want to feel better and continue life. Gender inequality is happening due to the gap between men and women in society. Honduras believes that all citizens should receive health care. Honduras believes that healthcare should be a right for humanity. We are also currently improving and diminishing the gap between the gender inequalities between men and women. To address the issue of providing health care. All countries with gender-based inequality issues should provide healthcare seekers with practitioners of the same sex. Having a female doctor to treat a female and a male doctor to treat a man can help reduce the gap. This will ensure equality between genders regarding healthcare. Honduras believes deeply in providing everyone, regardless of sex with safe and reliable

healthcare. Having equal rights among the global population despite race, gender and political viewpoint is the only way to create a world of peace and unity.