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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE MEXICO CITY POLICY**

30 **WHEREAS:** The reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy on 22 January 2001 denied millions
40 of dollars of pledged funding through USAID and UNFPA to non-governmental
50 organizations that use funding from any other source to perform abortions, to
60 lobby for legalized and decriminalization of abortions, to offer counseling and
70 referral information for abortion, to research and develop safer abortion
80 practices; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** 75% of the funding for UNFPA to be reallocated to international family
100 planning-oriented NGO's was pledged by the US and is now being withheld,
110 much to the detriment of healthcare in developing states; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** The majority of clinics and other health-related centers in developing states are
130 multipurpose (e.g. HIV/AIDS care, family planning, basic health care, and
140 research all performed in one facility), such institutions are being forced to
150 comply with the Mexico City Policy in order to receive funding; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** The reinstatement of this policy jeopardizes the health of millions of women
170 globally due to its restrictions of practices, information proliferation, and
180 funding; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** NGO's that do not comply with the Mexico City Policy can no longer receive
200 contraception donated by USAID, are forced to raise fees, or must close their
210 doors completely and permanently; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** There has been no evidence to support that the original instatement of the policy
230 or the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy have led to a reduced incidence
240 of abortion, which was the original intent of the policy; and,

250 **WHEREAS:** This policy is most likely to have the opposite effect as abstinence within
260 marriage is most often not an option; reduction of access to contraception leads
270 to more unwanted and high-risk pregnancies, more unsafe abortions, and
280 increased instance of maternal illness, injury, and death; and,

290 **WHEREAS:** In developing states such as Romania where abortion is legal, the artificial
300 separation of abortion from family planning has made it difficult to obtain
310 contraception, leading to a lack of information and services to prevent repeat
320 abortions; and,

330 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature demands the United
340 States Congress disapprove of the executive order signed by President George
350 W. Bush to restore the Mexico City Policy; and,

360 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature demands the United States
370 Congress disapprove of the rule submitted by the United States Agency for
380 International Development relating to the restoration of the Mexico City Policy.

390 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush

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