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**QUESTION OF: ESTABLISHING NEW GUIDELINES FOR ADDICTION REHABILITATION**

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the significant disparity in access to treatment for drug use disorders, as evidenced by the UNODC World Drugs Report 2023, where despite an estimated 39.5 million people suffering from these disorders globally, only one in five receive the necessary treatment,

Recognising the severe impact of drug addiction on individuals and society, where drug abuse has become a significant public health crisis, particularly with the widespread use of methamphetamines.

Emphasising the need for systematic evidence-based and culturally sensitive rehabilitation programs that address the physical, psychological and social aspects of substance use disorders,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, which designated 26 June as The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,

Deploring the increased use of drugs among teenagers worldwide due to its physical, psychological and social impact on society,

Deeply disturbed that the number of female drug abusers has increased to 45 % according to World Drug Reports 2023,

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1. Calls upon all Member States to:
  - a. Develop and implement national standards and guidelines for addiction rehabilitation programs, ensuring they are evidence-based, comprehensive, and tailored to address the specific needs of different demographics;
  - b. Integrate harm reduction strategies into their national drug control policies, including access to medication-assisted treatment and needle and syringe exchange programs;
  - c. Facilitate access to affordable and accessible addiction rehabilitation services for all individuals in need, including those in rural areas and marginalised communities;
2. Urges a collaboration with healthcare institutions and stakeholders to work with professionals and provide more updated treatments;
3. Requests National, Regional and International research institutions to invest in research to develop new and effective treatment approaches for substance use disorders (SUDs);
4. Urges developed countries to facilitate the transfer of technology and resources to developing countries to support their efforts in establishing effective and accessible addiction rehabilitation programs;
5. Welcomes the establishment of peer support groups within schools, providing a platform for individuals who have successfully recovered from substance abuse to share their personal experiences;

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6. Recommends new empowerment programs that focus on the wellbeing of women and building self confidence which can make them resistant to the pressures of drug addiction and incorporate a gender sensitive approach into the design and delivery of addiction rehabilitation services;
7. Approves the establishment of a Task Force, within the UN Office for Drugs and Crime composed of Member States, relevant UN entities, and civil society organisations, with the mandate to:
  - a. Develop and disseminate evidence-based guidelines for addiction rehabilitation programs, incorporating best practices and addressing the specific needs of developing countries;
  - b. Monitor and report on the progress made by Member States in implementing these guidelines, submitting reports to the General Assembly twice a year;
8. Endorses the efforts of the Group of 77 (G77) and China to:
  - a. Strengthen the role of the G77 Vienna Chapter Liaison Office to the UNODC in advocating for the urgent needs of developing countries regarding access to effective and affordable addiction rehabilitation services,
  - b. Develop a unified G77 position on establishing new guidelines for addiction rehabilitation, ensuring it reflects the specific challenges and priorities of developing countries.