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## National Policy for Health System Development in Multicultural Areas in Southern Border Provinces

The First National Health Assembly

Having considered the report on National Policy for Health System Development in Multicultural Areas in Southern Border Provinces,

Concerned that crisis of violence in the Southern border provinces affects the health of people in the area and also of people all over the country,

Understanding that the problems in multicultural areas result from the administrative structure, justice system, as well as educational, economic and social systems, including tradition and culture that are incongruent with the cultural context and lifestyle of the people in the locality,

Taking note that the strategic and operational framework of the Southern Border Provinces Administrative Centre is in line with the strategy for the development of the Southern border provinces,

## **Hereby passes the following resolutions:**

- 1. Agreeing with the proposed guidelines for the development of the health system in multicultural areas as annexed to this Resolution.
- 2. Urging the Secretary-General of the National Health Commission
  - 2.1 To propose to the National Health Commission to take action to introduce more guidelines for the development of physical and mental health and health system in multicultural areas, including administration, personnel, education, economic, social and cultural areas, with a view for the government to adopt such guidelines as a national policy.
  - 2.2 To disseminate information, coordinate, support and urge all State agencies, academic organizations, professional organizations, the private sector, and civil societies from every sector concerned at every level, especially those in the Southern border areas, to act in accordance with the proposed guidelines for the development of the health system in multicultural areas.
  - 2.3 To monitor the implementation of the proposed guidelines for the development of the health system in the multicultural areas, including monitoring the budgets involved, and to report the progress to the Health Assembly every year.

- 3 Urging the member partners of the National Health Assembly
  - 3.1 To take action together so that local government organizations, leaders and community leaders will implement in their locality the proposed guidelines for the development of the health system in the multicultural areas.
  - 3.2 To disseminate information and create the process whereby every citizen, every public and private agency is aware of and understands the situation, as well as sympathizing with and adopting a positive attitude toward the people in the Southern border areas, so that a shared opinion can be formed to support such a policy.