

**Sexual Health: Sexual Violence, Unplanned Pregnancy and
Sex issues relating to AIDS/ Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

The First National Health Assembly

Having considered the report on Sexual Health: Sexual Violence, Unplanned Pregnancy and Sex issues relating to Aids/ Sexually Transmitted Diseases,

Aware that the three aspects in the sexual health situation - sexual violence, unwanted pregnancy, and sex and AIDS/sexually transmitted diseases (STD) – are on the increase and have become more serious and complex and that they have become national problems affecting physical, mental and social health,

Aware of the existing gaps and difficulties in solving sexual violence problems because the sexual mores of Thai society have complex standards intended to instill, control and supervise sexual behaviours for women while expecting men to learn about sex and have considerable sexual experiences and stigmatizing other sexual orientations,

Taking note that unwanted pregnancy has become more widespread and serious, a situation more prevalent in women less than 20 years of age and those more than 35 years of age than in other age groups, resulting in infant abandonment as well as injury, disability and death from unsafe abortion,

Fully understanding that despite a decrease in the rate of new HIV infections Thailand may experience the HIV/AIDS outbreak once again as the rate of venereal disease (VD) and STDs hitherto believed to be lower since 1997 is likely to increase especially among foreign migrant workers, young men and women, and working adults, while students between 15 and 19 years of age show an increase rate in VD infections,

Has passed the following resolutions:

1. Agencies concerned, especially the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Justice, Thai Health Promotion Foundation, National Health Security Office, Health Systems Research Institute, and Thailand Research Fund as well as professional organizations, academic organizations, local administration organizations and the civil society sector are urged to:

- 1.1 Provide comprehensive sexuality education and clearly designate responsible agencies, focusing on creating immunity to create safety for sexual well-being and providing life skill training both within and without the educational system as well as through informal education and the media in a manner which is appropriate to population groups of all ages and both sexes.
- 1.2 Strengthen all counseling systems both in the state and private sectors as well as those at community and family levels, focusing on pre- and post-counseling services, peer-to-peer counseling as well as empowerment and option counseling,
- 1.3 Provide sexual and reproductive health one-stop service centres friendly to all groups, especially those that need specially delicate services, including friendly VD service clinics, to act as mechanisms for effective control of STDs for all groups of people in a comprehensive and equal manner,
- 1.4 Promote safe pregnancy termination services within the bounds of the law as part of the benefit package of all health security systems,
- 1.5 Promote study and research as well as developing significant database for unwanted pregnancies,
- 1.6 Request all relevant agencies, including communities and families to urgently establish effective measures for the prevention and elimination of all forms of sexual violence,
- 1.7 Set up shelters and protect the rights of those with sexual violence problems in every province, focusing on comprehensive one-stop service systems; set up more comprehensive, easily-accessed one-stop service units to provide physical, mental and social protection for women with unwanted pregnancies who decide to carry on with their pregnancy during pregnancy, before and after deliveries,
- 1.8 Foster understanding and respect for differences in sexual orientation, sexual variety and sensitive dimensions of illness, disability and ethnicity among all sectors, including the media,

- 1.9 Support the development of a judicial system which is friendly and free from sexual prejudice at all component levels from police stations to courts with respect to laws and regulations, the readiness of the system and the attitudes of relevant personnel,
 - 1.10 Develop policies and measures to deal with health risk factors affecting sexual well-being,
 - 1.11 Establish a national widely participatory mechanism to implement, co-ordinate, develop and monitor and assess policies addressing sexual well-being, with sufficient budgetary support,
 - 1.12 Advocate the passing of the the Reproductive Health Protection Act (Bill), which addresses sexual violence, unprepared pregnancy, STDs and AIDS,
 - 1.13 Regulate all forms of media contents negatively affecting sexual well-being,
2. Local administration organizations and National Health Assembly member parties shall establish operational plans to campaign for the creation of all 3 branches of sexual well-being with participation from all relevant sectors and advocate for putting them to practice:
- 2.1 Establish a fund for the promotion of sexual well-being
 - 2.2 Foster local level mechanism to monitor sexual well-being issues
3. The National Health Commission is urged to:
- 3.1 Advocate for a clear policy and guidelines to prevent and stop unsafe termination of pregnancy,
 - 3.2 Strengthen networks of sexual health promotion, local government organizations, and the community to prevent and solve problems of unwanted pregnancies, sexual violence and HIV/AIDS and STD infections.
 - 3.3 Prepare a progress report on the implementation of this resolution and present it to the 2nd National Health Assembly.