

Explanation of National Position by Hungary

regarding the draft resolution: “**Behavioural Sciences for Better Health**” proposed by
Malaysia

to be adopted by the 152nd Executive Board of the World Health Organization

Mr/Madam Chair,

Hungary hereby presents the explanation of its national position regarding the draft resolution “**Behavioural Sciences for Better Health**” (hereinafter: resolution) proposed by Malaysia to be adopted by the 152nd Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Regarding the paragraph OP 2.8 of the resolution, we would like to emphasize that the term “*vulnerable groups*” covers a fairly broad social group and appropriately brings together the group of persons involved in making the paragraph. We do not consider it necessary or justified to single out certain randomly selected groups because some of the groups concerned may be left out of the list, which is unacceptable and even downright counterproductive.

We further note, that those who leave their home country for purely economic reasons aiming to enter other countries illegally are voluntarily undertaking the potential risks associated with their illegal actions. The “*vulnerable groups including migrants*” expression has a particularly discriminatory and counterproductive effect especially on those who are fleeing war by using legal means.

In the light of the above, we believe, that the classification and singling out of such voluntarily risk-taking individuals as part of a vulnerable group is overly biased.

Lastly, but most importantly, Hungary believes that a legal distinction must be made between the concepts of legal and illegal migration; and classifications shall be based upon this distinction.