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Victory Williams Intervention

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Your Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

I am Victory Williams, a Youth Delegate with the DMUN Foundation, a youth-led international and non-governmental organization focused on representing the youths in multilateral discussions.

Evidence-based approaches in drug policy, HIV, and health are crucial. According to the WHO, approximately 31 million people worldwide suffer from drug use disorders, with only 1 in 6 receiving treatment.

Successful programs like needle exchange initiatives and medication-assisted treatment have shown significant reductions in HIV transmission rates.

However, challenges persist, including stigma, inadequate funding, and climate-related health impacts.

As a pharmacist, I've seen the impact of harm reduction strategies. I therefore urge policymakers to:

1. Increase funding for evidence-based interventions, targeting 40% of global drug users.
2. Implement multisectoral collaborations to address intersections of drug use, HIV, and climate change.
3. Prioritize human rights and community-led initiatives.



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By working together, we can create a more compassionate and effective response. Let us harness youth energy to shape policies prioritizing health and sustainability.

With collective action, we can reduce health disparities and promote a healthier future.

We thank you.