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## **Draft – ERO Statement on “FDI Vision 2020“**

With greatest respect and perfect appreciation delegates of the ERO General Assembly have discussed the FDI paper Vision 2020.

Based on the statement that oral health is deemed to be a fundamental human right but current educational models and forms of professional practice have not sufficiently considered the lack and diversities in oral health, this paper describes in detail a new way how to solve this problem.

However, the requirements demanded to achieve this goal abut on a complete change of our professional profile and our treatment philosophy as well as our educational systems worldwide, especially in Europe.

In the FDI document it is demanded to generate new educational systems focusing on tasks in public health simultaneously to introduce new forms of professional practice like oral healthcare workforce having competences that are not described in detail.

A new healthcare model has been considered changing the current role of the dentist to the leader of the dental team delegating tasks and monitoring the oral healthcare workforce.

The price level for dental treatment is blistered as being the reason for disparities in oral healthcare.

There are complaints about a lack of information on treatment innovations, a lack of oral health promotion, prevention and research efforts.

According to the document the need and the demand for dental care on a global level should be addressed by comprehensive changes in the fields of education and dental practice.

The delegates of the ERO General Assembly declare the following:

In document “FDI Vision 2020” a lack in oral healthcare is pointed out at various points providing a good and practicable way to eliminate disparities and to show structurally weak areas in the world how oral health could be improved in their countries.

However, accepting this way as a global concept would endanger the countries with good healthcare structures to that extent that an unnecessary comprehensive redefinition of freelance professionals working on their own responsibility would have to be made abandoning parts of the range of services that would then be passed on to new professional groups. This would inevitably be associated with relevant legislative and regulatory components having a significant effect on the profession - they will not be determined by the dental profession itself but directed by legislative or other professional groups and institutions.

Therefore the concept of “FDI Vision 2020” provided herein does not meet the current situation in most of the ERO member countries.