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Reference Committee: [Reference Committee for Worksheet]

Total Net Financial Implication: [Total Net Financial Impl.] Net Dues Impact:

Amount One-time: Amount On-going:

ADA Strategic Forecast Outcome: Tripartite: Promote Tripartite stability, success, and future growth.

**[ENDING UNPRODUCTIVE SPENDING ON FDI AND REINVESTING IN MEMBER-FOCUSED PRIORITIES]****Background:**

The American Dental Association (ADA) is currently the largest dues-paying member of the FDI World Dental Federation (FDI), incurring costs that exceed \$450,000 annually in combined costs for membership dues, delegate travel, staff time, and logistical support for participation in international meetings and activities (2024 Report of the Treasurer, page 6).

The ADA's participation in FDI has not yielded measurable returns for member dentists. Campaigns such as World Oral Health Day and FDI policy papers are rarely adopted by the ADA and have limited relevance to the regulatory, educational, and clinical environments faced by U.S. dentists (2024 Annual Reports, pages 2–3). These initiatives have not been integrated into ADA's strategic communications or member engagement platforms.

Rather than duplicating global initiatives led by FDI, the ADA has created its own Global Oral Health Initiatives (GOHI), which allow for international engagement fully aligned with ADA values and strategic goals. These efforts are better positioned to reflect the needs of member dentists and the U.S. public (ADA Strategic Plan 2020-25 - April 2021, page 2).

Moreover, the ADA's adoption of mission-based budgeting and quarterly financial planning has made it clear that programs must be evaluated for strategic alignment and measurable member value. In a time when membership growth, operational sustainability, and return on investment are top priorities, the ADA cannot afford to continue spending nearly half a million dollars annually on an external organization whose activities fall outside the ADA's core mission and domestic public health impact (2024 Report of the Treasurer, pages 9–11).

These savings may be redirected to efforts that strengthen ADA programs, improve member services, or enhance strategic priorities that reflect member needs.

1   **Resolution:**

- 2       1. **Resolved**, that beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, the American Dental Association  
3       discontinue all funding and participation in the FDI World Dental Federation in order to  
4       eliminate unproductive spending and prioritize direct value for ADA members; and be it  
5       further  
6       2. **Resolved**, that any future participation in or financial support for the FDI World Dental  
7       Federation shall require prior approval by the ADA House of Delegates through the  
8       adoption of a formal resolution; and be it further  
9       3. **Resolved**, that the American Dental Association reallocate resources previously used for  
10      FDI membership in a manner that advances the ADA's mission and delivers measurable  
11      value to its members.

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