People everywhere are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of appropriate oral health care. This leads to an increasing demand for professional advice and oral health care services. Therefore the FDI requests:

- That all Member Associations, members of the dental profession, national and international institutions, governments and individuals concerned with and responsible for health matters recognise those changes and strive for the provision of the best possible level of oral health care for the peoples of the world. To this aim, oral health care should be made available within all national health care systems, offering affordable and appropriate patient-orientated services. Oral health promotion and prevention for the general public should be part of all national oral health programmes.

- That national member associations accept their co-responsibility for sharing, as far as possible, financial resources and academic and professional knowledge with developing countries in support of the establishment and growth of programmes of prevention and oral health care.