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BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

The Promotion of Ethics, Human Rights and Justice

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- **The highest inspiration that should always direct and shape advancement of science is the benefit to humankind.**
- **The increase of life expectancy and the improvement of the quality of life as its basic and most immediate effects.**
- **The universal respect for human rights, dignity and fundamental freedoms as its core values.**



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The strong link between good health and development

Underdevelopment denotes:

- **poverty and inequality;**
- **low life expectancy;**
- **low level of education;**
- **low standard of living**



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**“Health is a state of complete physical,
mental and social well-being”
and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”**

WHO



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United Nations Millennium Declaration:

“Access to food, water sanitation, drug availability and access to healthcare services are priorities”.

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Underdevelopment generates crime and crime generates underdevelopment and the most vulnerable and exposed subjects pay the highest price of this vicious cycle.



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- **The more poverty and injustice will affect people.**
- **The more the world will be an unsafe place for everybody.**

Justice shall not be an empty word but the flagship of the commitment to defend the rights and the equal opportunities of each man.



- **Strong institutional capacity is necessary to address development and security.**
- **Bad governance and corruption represent the main drain of resources from vital sectors such as healthcare and education.**



- **Wealthy nations must prioritize the needs of poor countries.**
- **Poor countries must not be perceived as passive recipients or as instruments for exploitation, but as crucial partners.**
- **Developing countries need to concentrate their efforts into strengthening good governance and the rule of law.**



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- **Awareness of biomedical ethics issues will lead to the formulation of laws for the protection of human participants in biomedical research.**
- **Promoting the harmonized adoption of good clinical practice (GCP) is pivotal.**



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It is essential to:

- **Supporting education and training curricula, to facilitate the creation of institutional Research Ethics Committees.**
- **Fostering the development of systems for regular site inspections and for the improvement of regulatory capacity.**
- **Supporting good governance and the creation of a climate of trust in biomedical research.**



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