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The **International Diabetes Federation** (IDF) is the global advocate for more than 246 million people with diabetes worldwide as well as their families and healthcare providers. It represents more than 195 diabetes associations in over 155 countries. IDF is a non-governmental organization in official relations with the World Health Organization and is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations.

The mission of IDF is “to promote diabetes care, prevention and a cure worldwide”, a statement of intent that addresses the challenges facing the global diabetes community in the 21st century.

- **Care:** *the core activity of IDF remains the promotion of the best possible care for anyone who lives with diabetes. IDF works in close collaboration with its member associations to increase access to and improve the quality of care that is currently available for people with diabetes.*
- **Prevention:** *prevention is the only realistic way to slow the rate at which diabetes is increasing and to lessen the impact of diabetes upon the quality of life of those currently living with the disease. IDF encourages the implementation of prevention programmes to reduce the risk of diabetes for the general population and to reduce the risk of complications in people living with diabetes.*
- **Cure:** *while IDF does not support research directly, through awareness and education it encourages the efforts of those who seek to further understand the causes of diabetes and of those whose aim it is to find a cure.*
- *IDF activities include advocacy and lobbying work, education for people with diabetes and their healthcare providers, public awareness and health improvement campaigns, as well as the promotion of the free exchange of diabetes knowledge. A few examples include:*
- *World Diabetes Day, the primary awareness campaign of the diabetes world, now a UN Day;*
- *United Nations Resolution 61/225: World Diabetes Day, as a result of the successful Unite for Diabetes campaign;*
- *IDF Task Forces’ efforts on specific issues such as access to insulin, association development and the economics of diabetes care;*
- *IDF serial and non-serial publications, including the Diabetes Atlas and Diabetes Voice;*
- *The Education Foundation, which supports a number of education and research fellowships and programmes.*
- *IDF online (www.idf.org), a source of up-to-date information about IDF and its activities.*
- *IDF World Diabetes Congresses, which provide a unique and international forum to discuss a wide variety of diabetes-related topics.*