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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HEALTH COUNCIL

Regarding Pandemic Response

The Health Council,

Deeply conscious of the threat to health, safety and livelihood caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its unprecedented impacts on social and economic global activities, disrupting commerce, global trade and travel,

Alarmed by the severity of the virus which, over the first four months of 2020, caused over 3 million cases of infection with over 200,000 deaths;

Keeping in mind the estimated hospitalization rate of patients with COVID-19 as being 14-19%, with 3-5% requiring intense care and that the overcrowding of hospitals combined with insufficient resources engenders ethical dilemmas in treating patients,

Noting the consequent economic recession, including a 9% decrease in global production compared to 2019 and a decline in the value of global merchandise trade by approximately 27% in the second quarter of 2020,

Aware of the dramatic loss of employment with a 10.5% decline in total working hours, equivalent to 305 million full-time workers, all estimated to push an additional 40-60 million people into extreme poverty,

Fully aware that the poorest and most vulnerable are the most affected, and combined with the effect of school closures on 1.6 billion students worldwide, the pandemic impedes progress towards successfully achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing the continuous contributions and sacrifice made by frontline healthcare workers, researchers and other essential workers, as well as the efforts made by governments in ensuring the safety and well-being of the populace,

Bearing in mind the significant need for international cooperation in proficiently preparing for possible future disease outbreaks and recognizing the role of the United Nations and the World Health Organization in coordinating a unified global response to eliminate the spread of COVID-19,

1. *Encourages* Member States to continue adopting appropriate safety measures in order to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 in the community, across international borders and in healthcare centers;
2. *Further recommends* Member States to facilitate efficient communication with citizens to promote awareness concerning the severity of the pandemic, changes in policies and to encourage proper adherence to policy requirements;
3. *Calls upon* the continued international collaboration in medical research and understanding of the new strains of COVID-19 as well as in developing and ensuring the readiness to implement newly created medical technologies and vaccines;
4. *Urges* Member States to allocate 3% of their GDP and form long-term specialized committees with the purpose of providing support to citizens in need and alleviating future economic hardship through:
 - (a) Distributing 1% of the GDP to provide financial support to citizens whose employment and income has been directly affected by COVID-19;
 - (b) Apportioning an additional 1% of the GDP to subsidize medical costs relating to patients directly affected by COVID-19;
 - (c) Allotting 0.5% of the GDP to create a national stimulus package in an effort to prevent a severe economic recession;

5. *Urges* the continued documentation of health protocols and results on disease containment effectiveness as part of creating a universal prevention plan for future disease outbreaks.

Submitter: India

Seconded: Denmark

Negated: Sweden