Forum: General Assembly 2

Question of: The question of sustainably rebuilding health infrastructure post- crises.

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*Recognising* that healthcare systems around the world have tremendously suffered due to the covid-19 pandemic;

*Understanding* that many hospitals have been unable to provide essential services for their patients;

*Fully aware* of how countries have had to implement emergency solutions to accommodate the needs of patients during the pandemic;

*Emphasizing* the need to rebuild and further develop countries healthcare systems to be equipped to handle other crises, such as the covid-19 pandemic;

1. Draws the attention to the fact that LEDCs have been significantly affected by the pandemic, and as a result, have not been able to keep up with the problems caused by the pandemic, certain factors have a large impact and need to be tackled such as but not limited to;
	1. Encouraging member states to set up programs towards lower-income citizens to educate them and inform them about the situation to ensure that the population would be well educated about the pandemic and what the best course of action would be.
	2. the accessibility of healthcare services to the population living in poverty and remote areas, this needs to be improved in a manner such as;
		1. the construction of more hospitals and clinics in rural areas spread out evenly to reach all parts of the population;
		2. establishing transportation between these rural areas to larger cities where the population can receive treatment and have access to facilities that the smaller hospitals in their local area cannot provide;
		3. widespread public awareness of the local healthcare facilities and inform the local community;
	3. the process of eliminating the production and distribution of counterfeit drugs with measures such as but not limited to;
		1. creating a non-profit organisation that creates a simple manner for the local population to check whether the drugs that they are taking are authentic and are not counterfeits, an example of such an organisation would be pedigree;
		2. Making it compulsory for pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies to have approved devices, that check the authenticity of the drugs that they sell;
	4. The allocation of a sufficient budget to the Healthcare industry in individual member states for them to be able to handle situations, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, a sufficient budget would allow for member states to improve their healthcare facilities, examples include;
		1. the improvement of doctor to patient ratio;
		2. the incorporation of more technology, which would improve efficiency;
		3. Allow for adequate resources and reduce supply shortages;
2. *Recognizes* that medical research departments need to be better funded ( from the World Bank/International Finance Corporation as well as humanitarian help) due to its large role in improving the healthcare system, therefore, allowing governments to see disease trends and risk factors and take action accordingly, and should be supported in a manner such as but not limited to:
	1. Asking for aid from associations and any willing Member States from the UN and NGOs like the Red Cross who would provide funds, equipment, medical care expertise as well as resources for health workers,
	2. Finance,
	3. increased cooperation in the production, allocation, and transportation of vaccines among existing economic and political unions;
3. *Reminds* member states that during the pandemic millions of people were unable to access vital healthcare services, and receive treatment for other communicable or non-communicable diseases, as the covid-19 pandemic was prioritized, a crucial aspect in returning to normalcy is to be able to support the population with services for both and to avoid this from happening again, measures should be put in place, such as but not limited to:
	1. Allocate sections of the hospital to tackle certain sectors, (ie. One for Covid-19, non-communicable, communicable etc.) and have a specific capacity for each sector, however, if a certain sector is full, then beds from other sectors can be transferred,
	2. Ensure that there is always a certain number of beds, resources and healthcare staff in reserve for each of the sectors that have reached normal standards, (before the pandemic), and continue to improve;
4. *Strongly* urges member states to have their healthcare systems equipped in case of a situation, such as the pandemic, as this would allow countries to function more effectively and efficiently, and will better control the situation, which would result in a lower impact on the global population and economy than the covid-19 pandemic, for this to occur member nations need to take into consideration the implementation of the following measures:
	1. Allow health research facilities easy access to data for research and evaluation
	2. Ensuring that healthcare units have sufficient availability, distribution,
	3. training, safety, and protection of the healthcare workforce,
	4. Confirm that countries will work in collaboration and fairly distribute medical equipment and drugs and ensure that the following incidents do not repeat themselves after the covid-19 pandemic,
		1. some member nations take hold of shipments, embargoes, defective equipment, adding to the lack of a global dashboard on material resources and production capacities,
		2. Ensuring that similar situations don’t add to the significant impact on other levels of care and services, which may not necessarily relate to COVID-19,
	5. The communication and information regarding the situation, such as a pandemic, to be effectively delivered to the population, to avoid the spread of false information, which could add to the havoc already in play,
	6. Work towards equal trust between Health Care Providers, Organizations, and Government, to effectively battle the situation;
5. Suggests the following points to the public health departments of all member states as different approaches to increasing the number of medical professionals and the space accessible to them:
	1. Removing barriers for immigrant medical professionals by means including but not limited to:
		1. Accelerating and automatically renewing work permits for healthcare professionals with immigrant backgrounds
		2. Easing residency requirements for foreign-trained doctors
	2. Utilizing telemedicine, physiologic sensors, mobile health apps, and other related resources for both medical education and practice
	3. Implementing the following corrections to offices within member nations’ hospitals:
		1. Placing office equipment back by doctors and nursing staff, allowing medical staff to process prescription renewal requests without having to call the front desk
		2. Central nurse or doctor stations, mini stations can be positioned near clinics or other secondary workplaces; these areas provide quick and easy access for employees to take notes, check their medical history, and check their medications;
6. Asks for the creation of the United Nations Hospital System Development Fund or UNHSDF:
7. All relevant countries with a GDP of over 275 Billion euros must donate 0.025% of their total GDP to the UNHSDF fund;

i. This fund invests materials, designs, and patents to rapidly build hospitals;

ii. UNHSDP also prepares relevant hospitals for pandemic level events by buying surplus supplies. This includes but is not limited to hospital attire, needles, hospital beds, etc.;

iii. To generate a surplus of supplies, the UNHSDF fund works to invest in materials, designs, and patents to build factories to provide necessary supplies and produce vaccines at a rapid rate;

1. To ensure that the money allocated to the UNHSDF fund is used wisely, a security system will be established;

i. To make certain that the money used in this fund is used appropriately, all participating countries will have to provide a monthly report of all expenditures;

ii. To ensure that no tampering occurs with the fund, any country caught using the fund for an unintended purpose will receive consequences like being excluded from future similar funding and the fund as a whole.