

2021 MUNA Resolution #2

A comprehensive and coordinated response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the grave and increasing threat to global health posed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19),

Recalling its resolutions 74/270 of 2 April 2020 on global solidarity to fight COVID-19, 74/274 of 20 April 2020 on international cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment, and World Health Assembly resolution 73.1 of 19 May 2020, entitled “COVID-19 response”,

Concerned that, globally, women make up 70 per cent of the health workforce and are more likely to be exposed to the virus and dealing with enormous stress balancing paid and unpaid work roles,

Expressing concern that disruption to economies, trade, societies and environments, and the exacerbation of economic and social inequalities within and among countries, is reversing hard-won development gains and hampering progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and all its Goals and targets,

Recalling that the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation are derived from the right to an adequate standard of living and are inextricably related to the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health,

Noting with concern that, owing to school closures, the COVID-19 crisis has exposed vast disparities in the availability of learning materials and access to the Internet,

Recalling the constitutional mandate of the World Health Organization to act, inter alia, as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work and recognizing its key leadership role by the increase in cases of gender-based violence during quarantine, which also affects front-line health workers and community health volunteers.

Operative Section Outline

During informal consultations, sub-groups will draft and present up to two operative paragraphs for their respective sub-topic as outlined below, followed by discussion of the full operational section. Groups may also revise the preambular section above.

Action related to multilateralism: Group A [G77 plus China] including China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and Syrian Arab Republic. **Facilitator is Kenya.**

Action related to creating resilient health systems: Group B [JUSCANZ, EU, and the Republic of Korea] including Australia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, and United States. **Facilitator is Spain.**

Action related to access to education and combatting misinformation: Group C [Least Developed Countries, ASEAN plus Israel and Ukraine] including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Israel, Lesotho, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Uganda, Ukraine, and Yemen. **Facilitator is Yemen.**

Action related to economic supports: Group D [Non-Aligned Movement, CELAC, Collective Security Treaty Organization and Democratic People’s Republic of Korea] including Belize, Brazil, Chile, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Russian Federation, Serbia, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. **Facilitator is Honduras.**

Bureau members for the Informal Consultations of the Second Committee: Chair of the initial and final formal committee meeting (Ireland), Vice Chair and Informal Consultations Facilitator (Spain), Secretary (Saudi Arabia), Rapporteur (Russian Federation), Resolution Sponsor (Afghanistan).

The preamble for this resolution is based on the United Nations [A/C.3/75/L.6](#), which has been edited and revised to promote discussion and learning at Winnipeg Rotary Model United Nations Assembly.