**The Question of: World Public Health Response**

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*Deeply Concerned that the global death rate from SARS COV-2 currently stands at over 2.35 million with positive cases at over 100 million.*

*Alarmed by the lack of international co-operation between countries on both social and economic issues regarding SARS COV-2.*

*Taking note of the growing number of vaccinations and vaccination programs in effect with approximately 10 billion vaccines scheduled to be produced in 2021.*

*Expressing concern that certain vaccinations are vulnerable due to the new variants of SARS COV-2 for example the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine producing 10% efficacy to variants with multiple spike protein mutations.*

*Highlighting the near-certain probability that this pandemic will not be the last due to environmental factors and the fast mutation of Inflenza.*

1) **Urges** member states place a ban on non-essential international travel for eight weeks effective immediately to prevent the spread of coronavirus and its variations to other countries.

2) **Recommends** the creation of a new UN sub body called United Nations International Team on Epidemic Management (UNITEM) to work in connection with the United nations Economic and Social Council, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other relevant NGO’s to carry out certain actions including but not limited to:

 a) Organizing vaccination programs for LEDCs who cannot access vaccinations which are extremely in-demand for novel diseases.

 b) Prevention of future pandemics through active testing of certain species which are known to transmit novel viruses such as pigs, birds and rodents. This is already being done by the World Health Organization and therefore, this could be done in association with the WHO.

 c) Ensuring that adequate PPE is available for frontline healthcare workers to prevent united nations healthcare workers from contracting an infectious disease. This supply would be monitored and restocked once the PPE is no longer in date.

3) **Encourages** the creation of a mass media campaign to tackle the spread of misinformation regarding disease outbreaks both online and in person through workshops, social media and broadcast media.

4) **Further Urges** member states to introduce lockdown measures if cases exceed a certain amount per 100,000 as recommended by the WHO and UNITEM. These measures would depend on the infection rate of the novel disease however may include:

a) The closure of all non-essential retail such as hairdressers and department stores to reduce the number of contacts an individual may have.

b) A temporary ban on social gatherings due to the likelihood of an outbreak occurring.

c) Curfews, if needed, to prevent spread of disease.

5) **Calls For** the creation of a United Nations summit on infectious diseases which would be held bi-annually in Geneva and would consist of top infectious disease experts from multiple countries to discuss topics including:

a) Any novel diseases which may be a threat to human health and methods for prevention/eradication of these novel strains.

b) The ability to manage another worldwide pandemic and methods to increase healthcare availability through so-called “surges” in the number of hospital and ICU beds.

6**)Asks** member states to keep the public informed through governmental broadcasts where an update on a pandemic and a plan to lift current restrictions, if any, would be addressed to the nation on a bi-monthly basis.