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### **Declaration of solidarity of the United Nations in the face of the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

*The General Assembly,*

*Adopts* the following declaration of solidarity of the United Nations in the face of the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), a public health emergency of international concern:

### **Declaration of solidarity of the United Nations in the face of the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

1. We, the States Members of the United Nations, reaffirming that cooperation between nations is among the fundamental purposes of the United Nations, are resolved to set aside political and economic controversies and fulfil the duty of Member States to cooperate with one another in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations by joining our efforts in countering the global challenge of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

2. We are gravely concerned about the negative impact of the spread of COVID-19 on public health and the global economy and are committed to pursuing coordinated and decisive actions aimed at defeating the pandemic, guided by the spirit of solidarity and international cooperation.

3. We pledge to give all necessary support and cooperation to the World Health Organization as the coordinating authority on international health work.

4. We are determined to take a comprehensive, science-based approach in elaborating, implementing and improving measures to slow down the transmission of,

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\* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 126.



reverse and eventually defeat COVID-19 following the rules, recommendations and technical guidance set out by the World Health Organization.

5. We commit to cooperating in order to develop vaccines and treatments and commend the researchers around the world who have come together to systemically evaluate experimental therapeutics.

6. We call for the expansion of global manufacturing capacity to meet the increasing needs for medical products and equipment to cope with the pandemic, ensuring that essential medical supplies and pharmaceuticals are made widely available, at affordable prices, on an equitable basis, where they are most needed and as quickly as possible.

7. We declare our profound solidarity with the most affected countries and people in different parts of the world who have suffered from the spread of the pandemic and commit to supporting those in need, in particular by providing technical assistance to those most affected, with particular emphasis on developing countries, whose health systems are often weaker and whose populations are more vulnerable to the impact of such outbreaks.

8. We invite the international financial institutions to support countries in need using all relevant financial instruments to the fullest extent, including addressing risks of debt vulnerabilities in low-income countries, as part of a coordinated global response to the spread of COVID-19 and its negative impact.

9. We recognize that investments in strengthening health systems capable of providing universal health coverage constitute the first line of defence against international health crises, and stress the importance of aid targeted to the health sector of affected countries, as a complement to domestic financing, while also noting the role of private sector investment, as appropriate, and calling for increased business engagement in the global efforts to curb the pandemic.

10. We pledge to cooperate and consult with each other and with the World Health Organization in order to ensure that national protective measures are effective, while at the same time minimizing to the extent possible any negative effects for people around the world, trade and the global economy.

11. We pledge to face global challenges as good neighbours, refraining from implementing protectionist and discriminatory measures inconsistent with the World Trade Organization rules, and we are resolved to prevent financial speculations which hinder access for all to essential health-care services and quality, safe, effective and affordable essential medicines, vaccines, personal protection and food items.

12. We are resolved to cooperate in addressing the disruptions to international trade and the market uncertainty due to the pandemic, mitigating the damage caused to the global economy by the spread of COVID-19, and promoting economic growth throughout the world, especially in developing countries.

13. We are determined to share available reliable and accurate data regarding COVID-19 and the spread of the disease, recognizing the importance of outreach while at the same time stressing the need to prevent the spread of false information and its misuse in the media.

14. We are resolved not to allow any stigmatization or discrimination of States, peoples or individuals in connection with COVID-19, stressing that there is no place for racism and xenophobia in the response to the pandemic, and we emphasize the need for full respect for human rights.

15. We welcome the launch of the Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 on 25 March 2020, aimed at containing the spread of the pandemic,

decreasing the deterioration of livelihoods and assisting people in vulnerable situations, and stress the importance of the delivery of humanitarian emergency assistance in line with the guiding principles set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution [46/182](#) of 19 December 1991.

16. We welcome the statement by the Group of 77 and China on the COVID-19 pandemic (New York, 3 April 2020) as a strong message of solidarity in the face of the pandemic from the developing world, and reaffirm the need to continue to work together tirelessly for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).