SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Global health and foreign policy

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent),

Reaffirming resolutions GA/12067 and GA/12069,

Emphasizing the importance of global health,

Observing poverty within developing states,

Having considered previous calls to aid,

Keeping in mind the SARS-COV-2 pandemic,

Recognizing the advancements in medical care and technology that already exist,

1. Stresses the importance of transparency among and within the international community in regards to releasing accurate and timely medical information and statistics;

2. Encourages all Member States to:
   
   (a) Bear in mind disease prevention;
   (b) Practice caution;
   (c) Monitor outbreaks and other rising health concerns;
   (d) Ensure surveillance systems and laboratories can detect plausible threats to public health;
   (e) Seeks continued transparency of information and experience concerning disease prevention during and after an outbreak;

3. Calls for collaboration amongst Member States in ensuring the transparent flow of information across state borders when an outbreak occurs by:
   
   (a) Reporting events of international public health importance to relevant United Nations bodies;
   (b) Accurately reporting information and statistics regarding outbreaks;
   (c) Coordinating decisions across borders regarding public health emergencies;
   (d) Working with the necessary non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations;
   (e) Seeking aid from other Member States and United Nation bodies when required;

4. Encourages the World Health Organization and other relevant United Nations bodies to set up specialized disease investigation task forces (SDITFs) to:
   
   (a) Investigate the origin and primary spread phase of novel diseases and outbreaks;
   (b) Evaluate disease prevention methods implemented by Member States and their effects;
   (c) Investigate Member States that are struggling when dealing with pandemics, and evaluate how the global community can assist said States;
   
   (d) Provide timely recommendations and guidelines to Member States on dealing with the pandemic;
   (e) Establish and update a database for virology and disease prevention research, which all member states and related research institutions will have access to;
(f) Set up investigation and reaction rules of procedure relevant United Nations bodies and SDITFs should follow when dealing with future pandemics;

5. Strongly urges all Member States to offer access to SDITFs by:

(a) Allowing free access to areas, people, information, and facilities of interest where access to is necessary to the SDITFs’ investigations;

(b) Complying with SDITF requests and needs;

(c) Providing security to SDITF team members when required;

(d) Protecting, securing and refraining from destroying data, items, or facilities that may be helpful to SDITFs investigations;

(e) Ensuring that SDITF team members’ rights and liberties as stated in the United Nations Human Rights Charter are protected;

(f) Ensuring that SDITF team members are not subject to violence, harassment, blackmail, abuse, or other actions that may hamper their efforts.

Passed, Yes: 25 / No: 5 / Abstain: 2