American Model United Nations
Committee of Experts on Public Administration

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Building strong institutions for sustainable development in conflict-affected countries

SUBMITTED TO: The Committee of Experts on Public Administration

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Drawing attention to the threat that the COVID-19 crisis continues to be present to the global community,

Emphasizing the need for global access to safe, effective and affordable medical equipment, treatment and preventative measures,

Noting with deep concern the uneven vaccine access and distribution that affects conflict-affected countries,

Taking into consideration that a successful health response to the COVID-19 pandemic is dependent on addressing country-specific operational challenges,

Reiterating the importance of human rights and stressing that prejudice cannot be tolerated,

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges when promoting strong institutions and effective governance,

1. Calls for the strengthening of international, national and regional cooperation in order to contain and defeat the COVID-19 pandemic:

   (a) Recommends exchanging information and data freely among affected states;
   
   (b) Suggests utilizing the current scientific research to the fullest in regards to COVID-19 prevention and treatment;
   
   (c) Urges the reaffirming of adherence to the most up-to-date and scientifically supported guidelines on regional, national, and local levels as dictated by the World Health Organization (WHO);

2. Encourages increased research and resource development on building resilient and adaptable institutions:

   (a) Emphasizes this occurs through collection of local, national and regional data within self-reporting, outside assessments and peer reviewed mechanisms;
   
   (i) With focus on how to efficiently rebuild in former and/or temporary areas of conflict;

3. Endorses the temporary suspension of the vaccine patents:

   (a) Recommends the following are specifically suspended including;
   
   (i) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine;
   
   (ii) SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine;
   
   (iii) Oxford/AstraZeneca (ChAdOx1-S [recombinant] vaccine) COVID-19 vaccine;
   
   (b) Strongly Urges that this suspension exists for a period of five years at minimum with reconsideration for a longer time period if vaccination rates continue to decline;
   
   (c) Calls for a United Nations Criminal Investigation into price gouging and suspected interference in sovereignty;

4. Recommends Member States reduce stockpiling of vaccines and other necessary medical technology in developed countries:

   (a) Invites Member States to donate excess vaccination doses to regions with disproportionately high fatality rates, such as the Global South;
(b) Recommends increased participation in and funding to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) COVID-19 vaccination and assistance program;

5. Urges the intensification of global health awareness to incentivize citizens in countries with low vaccination rates to increase vaccination rates and increase use of preventative measures and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);

6. Strongly Urges that Member States provide aid for areas that are most vulnerable and susceptible to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), emphasizing distribution to areas of active or temporarily paused conflict, refugees and other displaced persons camps and recently stabilized areas.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions