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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:

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

3. We are determined to take a comprehensive, science-based approach in elaborating, implementing and improving measures to slow down the transmission of, reverse and eventually defeat COVID-19 following the rules, recommendations and technical guidance set out by the World Health Organization.

4. 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.

5. We declare our profound solidarity with the most affected countries and peoples 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

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



assistance to those most affected, with particular emphasis on developing countries, whose health systems are often weaker and whose populations are more vulnerable.

6. 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, other States, trade and the global economy.

7. We pledge to face global challenges as good neighbours, to refrain from raising trade barriers, imposing new export restrictions or implementing protectionist and discriminatory measures inconsistent with the World Trade Organization rules, and not to apply any unilateral coercive measures undertaken without the mandate of the Security Council, 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. We are resolved not to allow any stigmatization or discrimination of States, peoples or individuals in connection with COVID-19.
