

**Omnibus Resolution**  
**Comprehensive and Coordinated Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**The General Assembly**

**PP 1.**         *Recognizing* that the COVID-19 pandemic is one of the greatest global challenges in the history of the United Nations, and *further noting with deep concern* its impact on health and the loss of life, as well as the impact on the humanitarian situation and across all spheres of society, including on, livelihoods, food security and nutrition, and education, the exacerbation of poverty, disruption to economies, societies, environments, and the exacerbation of economic and social inequalities within and among countries, which is reversing hard-won development gains and hampering progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, all its goals and targets, (PP1&3 of 74/270; PP1 WHA; PP2 HRC PS)

**PP 2.**         *Expressing* solidarity with all people and countries affected by the pandemic, and condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims of COVID-19 and those whose lives and livelihoods have been and will be affected by the pandemic, (based on OP3 of 74/270; PP2 WHA)

**PP 3.**         *Determined to address* the COVID-19 pandemic through a global response based on unity, solidarity, renewed multilateral cooperation, and trust among States, peoples and generations that enhances the ability and resolve of States and other stakeholders to fully implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, (based on PP8 of 74/270; P2 & P15 of 74/4)

**PP 4.**         *Reaffirming* its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and *also reaffirming* the importance of a timely implementation in this Decade of Action of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcomes of their review conferences, the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030, the Bangkok Principles for the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, the Political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the fight against tuberculosis, the UN Political Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases, the political declaration of the “SDG Summit” and other relevant instruments, agreements, UN outcomes and programs of actions, including the Istanbul Declaration and Programme of Action, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024, (new)

**PP 5.**         *Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Declaration on the Right to Development, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other human rights instruments, and emphasizing the

obligation of all States to respect, protect and fulfil all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, including while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and during the recovery process, (SG's brief on human rights, Rural Women, 74/126, PP2)

**PP 6.** *Reaffirming* the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, (74/274, PP4)

**PP 7.** *Recognizing* the primary responsibility of States in responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and that emergency measures, policies and strategies put in place by countries to address and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 must be necessary, non-discriminatory, time-bound and proportionate in accordance with international human rights obligations, and *noting* that there are certain human rights and fundamental freedoms which do not allow for derogations, (based on SG's Policy Brief "COVID-19 and Human Rights"; ICCPR Article 4)

**PP 8.** *Reaffirming* its resolutions 74/270 on Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and 74/274 on International cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to face COVID-19, (new)

**PP 9.** *Recognizing* the central role of the United Nations system in catalysing and coordinating the global response to COVID-19, and *recalling* the constitutional mandate of WHO to act, inter alia, as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work, and recognizing its key leadership role within the broader United Nations response and the importance of strengthened multilateral cooperation in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and its extensive negative impacts, (later part verbatim PP4 WHA resolution)

**PP 10.** *Welcoming* the initiation, at the earliest appropriate moment, of a stepwise process of impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation, including using existing mechanisms, as appropriate, to review experience gained and lessons learned from the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19 and to make recommendations to improve capacity for global pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response requested by the World Health Assembly, (closely based on OP9.10 WHA)

**PP 11.** *Expressing* appreciation for the leadership of the Secretary-General and *welcoming* all efforts and measures proposed by him concerning the response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly his Appeal for a Global Ceasefire and the establishment of the United Nations COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, and *taking note of* the release of all relevant UN reports and policy briefs on the impacts of COVID-19, notably the Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, the Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 and the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, (new)

**PP 12.** *Recognizing* the vital role of United Nations peacekeeping operations in contributing to the maintenance of international peace and security, and expressing deep appreciation for the women and men deployed on peacekeeping missions for their extraordinary efforts in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and extending our condolences to those Member States whose peacekeepers have died as a result of the COVID pandemic and their families, (new)

**PP 13.** *Recognizing* efforts made by health workers, the majority of whom are women, and other essential workers around the world to deal with the pandemic through measures to

protect the health, safety and well-being of their people, and emphasizing the importance of providing health and other essential workers with the necessary protection and support, (new)

**PP 14.** *Recognizing* the important role that non-governmental organizations and civil-society, human rights institutions, women's and community-based organizations, organizations led by youth, older persons and persons with disabilities, children, faith-based organizations, as well as the scientific community and the private sector play in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, (new)

**PP 15.** *Recognizing with deep concern* the special challenges facing developing countries, the most vulnerable countries, and, in particular, African countries, Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, Small Island Developing States, countries in conflict and post-conflict situations and countries in humanitarian situations, as well as middle-income countries, and *underlining* the need to give particular attention to their concerns and specific challenges, (based on OP4 74/233; OP9 74/4)

**PP 16.** *Recognizing* that countries dependent on commodities, remittances or tourism have been particularly affected by the initial measures undertaken to contain the spread of COVID-19, (new)

**PP 17.** *Deeply concerned* that the COVID-19 pandemic, due to its severe disruptions to societies, economies, global trade and travel, and food and agricultural systems, is having a devastating impact on sustainable development, including livelihoods, food security, nutrition, education, water and sanitation, and health-care and service provision and access, especially for people in vulnerable situations and in countries in special situations, and is making the prospect of achieving all Sustainable Development Goals more difficult, including eradicating poverty, in all its forms and dimensions by 2030, ending hunger and achieving food security and improved nutrition (new)

**PP 18.** *Noting with concern* that the pandemic and related global economic and commodity price shocks could significantly increase the number of countries in or at risk of debt distress, and *deeply concerned* about the impact of high debt levels on countries' abilities to withstand the impact of the COVID-19 shock and to invest in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, (verbatim P9 FFD)

**PP 19.** *Recognizing* that the COVID-19 pandemic has a disproportionately heavy impact on women, youth and children, as well as on persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations, and that responses to the COVID-19 pandemic need to consider multiple and intersecting forms of violence, discrimination, exclusion and inequalities, (new, listing partly from 70/1)

**PP 20.** *Deeply concerned* that the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and girls, including on their economic and productive lives and their access to education and essential health services, including sexual and reproductive health-care services, the increased demand for paid and unpaid care work and the reported surge of sexual and gender-based violence, including domestic violence, as a result of confinement, is deepening already existing inequalities and risks reversing the gender equality progress achieved in recent decades, (based on women policy brief)

**PP 21.** *Welcoming* comprehensive, innovative, participatory, transparent, human rights-based, inclusive, coordinated, people-centred, gender- and age-responsive and conflict-sensitive approaches adopted in many local, national, regional and global responses, (new)

**PP 22.** Expressing concern for the rise in hate speech, stigmatisation, racism and xenophobia related to the pandemic, and the need to combat it in the COVID-19 response, and *taking note* of the UN's guidance note on addressing and countering COVID-19 related hate speech,

**PP 23.** *Concerned* about the spread of disinformation and propaganda on COVID-19, including on the Internet, which can be designed and implemented so as to mislead, to violate human rights, including the right to privacy and to freedom of expression, and to incite violence, hatred, discrimination or hostility, and *emphasizes* the important contribution of journalists and media workers in countering this trend, (based on Res, 73/179, PP22)

### **Multilateralism and Solidarity**

**OP 1.** *Reaffirms* its commitment to, multilateralism and solidarity at all levels and international cooperation, as the only way for the world to effectively respond to global crises like the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequences; (new)

**OP 2.** *Calls* for intensified international cooperation and solidarity to contain, mitigate and overcome the pandemic and its consequences through a people-centred, multidimensional, coordinated, innovative, swift and decisive response at all levels, including by supporting the exchange of information, scientific knowledge and best practices through, inter alia, the development of new data tools and platforms to inform mitigation and response actions and continuously monitor the impact of the pandemic, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable people and countries, to build a more equitable, sustainable and resilient future and get back on track to realize the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development; (based on OP5 74/270; shared responsibility report)

**OP 3.** *Supports* the Secretary-General's appeal for an immediate global ceasefire, including to help create corridors for life-saving aid, open windows for diplomacy of dialogue, and bring hope to places and people among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, and notes with concern the pandemic's impact on conflict-affected states, as well as on peace and security, and supports the continued work of UN peacekeeping operations in delivering their mandates and supporting national authorities in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic; (based on joint support for SG's appeal)

**OP 4.** *Calls upon* Member States, who have the primary responsibility to counter discrimination and hate speech, and all relevant actors, including political and religious leaders, to promote inclusion and unity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to prevent, speak out and take strong action against racism, xenophobia, hate speech, violence, discrimination, ageism, stigmatization or marginalization; (based on SG's Policy Brief "COVID-19 and Human Rights")

### **Jointly Protecting**

**OP 5.** *Calls* on Member States to maintain the continued functioning of the health system in all relevant aspects necessary for an effective public health response to the COVID-

19 pandemic and other ongoing epidemics, and the uninterrupted and safe provision of population and individual level services, for, among others, communicable diseases, including by ensuring the continuation of undisrupted vaccination programs, neglected tropical disease prevention and control, non-communicable diseases, mental health, and promote improved nutrition for women and children, recognizing in this regard the importance of increased domestic financing and development assistance where needed in the context of achieving universal health coverage; (based on OP7.5 WHA)

**OP 6.** *Calls* on international organisations and other relevant stakeholders to support all countries, upon their request, in the implementation and review of their multi-sectoral national action plans and in strengthening their health systems to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in maintaining the safe provision of all other essential public health functions and services; (verbatim OP 8.1. WHA)

**OP 7.** *Calls upon* Member States, with support from the United Nations system, to coordinate efforts to develop a science and evidence-based, cooperative and comprehensive approach to allocating scarce resources for combatting the COVID-19 pandemic based on public health needs; (based on shared responsibility, global solidarity)

**OP 8.** *Calls* for ensuring specific protection for the most vulnerable in the context of timely, universal and equitable access to safe, quality, effective and affordable health care services, medical supplies and equipment, including diagnostics, therapeutics, medicine and vaccines; (new)

**OP 9.** *Encourages* Member States to work in partnership with all relevant stakeholders to increase research and development funding for vaccines and medicines, leverage digital technologies, and strengthen scientific international cooperation necessary to combat COVID-19 and to bolster coordination, including with the private sector, towards rapid development, manufacturing and distribution of diagnostics, antiviral medicines, personal protective equipment, medical science-based treatment protocols and vaccines, adhering to the objectives of efficacy, safety, equity, accessibility, and affordability; (verbatim OP3 74/274)

**OP 10.** *Reaffirms* the right to use, to the fullest extent, the provisions contained in the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement), which provides flexibilities for the protection of public health and promotes access to medicines for all, in particular for developing countries, and the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, which recognizes that intellectual property protection is important for the development of new medicines and also recognizes the concerns about its effects on prices; (verbatim 74/20 OP29)

**OP 11.** *Recognizes* the role of extensive immunization against COVID-19 as a global public good for health in preventing, containing and stopping transmission in order to bring the pandemic to an end, once safe, quality, efficacious, effective, accessible and affordable vaccines are available; (verbatim OP 6. WHA)

**OP 12.** *Calls upon* Member States to increase the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location, and other characteristics relevant in national contexts to inform COVID-19 responses, while respecting the right to privacy; (based on 2030 Agenda; 73/179 PP24)

**OP 13.** *Calls upon* Member States and other relevant stakeholders to keep food and agriculture supply chains functioning, ensure the continued movement of food and livestock, products and inputs essential for agricultural and food production to markets, minimize food waste, support workers and farmers in agriculture and food supply chains to continue their essential work, including cross-border, in a safe manner, and provide continued access to adequate, safe, affordable and nutritious food, and provide adequate safety nets and assistance to minimize the negative effects of loss of livelihoods and increasing food prices on food security and malnutrition; (based on P5 FFD; 74/2 OP70; AU Declaration on food security and nutrition, p. 4)

**OP 14.** *Reaffirms* the need to ensure the safe and unhindered access of humanitarian personnel, in particular medical personnel responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, their means of transport and equipment; and to protect hospitals and other medical facilities as well as the delivery of supplies and equipment, in order to allow such personnel to efficiently and safely perform their task of assisting affected civilian populations; (verbatim PP14 WHA)

**OP 15.** *Urges* Member States and other potential donors to support the scaling up of emergency efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic and recognizes and supports the Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) and Country-based Pooled Funds, which have already played a key role in the humanitarian response, and will continue to, and stresses the importance of the application of humanitarian exemptions to sanctions where they have negative impact on the capacity of States to respond efficiently, specifically in the acquisition of medical equipment and supplies to adequately treat their populations in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic;

**OP 16.** *Calls* for ensuring specific protection for women, youth and children, as well as for persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations, including persons with disabilities, older persons, indigenous peoples, homeless, refugees, internally displaced persons, victims of trafficking, minorities, LGBTI persons, migrants, institutionalized persons, people with pre-existing medical conditions, and people exposed to unsafe levels of air pollution, especially in the context of timely, universal, inclusive, equitable and non-discriminatory access to safe, quality, effective and affordable health care and services, including diagnostics, therapeutics, medicine and vaccines and to leave no one behind, endeavouring to reach the furthest behind first, founded on the dignity of the human person and reflecting the principles of equality and non-discrimination; (based on the SG's Policy Briefs)

**OP 17.** *Calls upon* Member States to prevent the harmful effects of the pandemic on children by mitigating the damaging socio-economic impacts, including the continuity of child-centred services on an equal access basis, upholding a child's right to quality education by implementing appropriate measures, including by supporting families in ensuring the return of children, in particular girls and children in vulnerable situations, to school in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic and, while in confinement support school systems, teachers and families to ensure a reliable source of daily nutrition and use accessible and inclusive distance-learning solutions and to close the digital divide, while protecting children from internet-based abuse and exploitation and respecting the child's right to privacy; (based on policy brief on children)

**OP 18.** *Calls upon* Member States and other stakeholders to prevent, monitor and address the disproportionate effects of the pandemic on older persons, including the particular risks they face in accessing social protection and health services, and to ensure that health-care decisions affecting older persons respect their dignity and the full enjoyment of all rights,

including to the highest attainable standard of health, and are developed in consultation with them; (Based on SG's policy on COVID and Older Persons)

**OP 19.** Calls upon Member States and other stakeholders to eliminate barriers and discrimination against persons with disabilities, in particular women and girls and those from underrepresented groups, in accessing support and health-care services on an equal basis with others, and to prevent, monitor and address the disproportionate effects of the pandemic on persons with disabilities including the lack of accessible communications and services; (based on the SG's policy brief on people with disabilities)

**OP 20.** *Calls upon* Member States to take all the necessary measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic's impacts on migrant workers, and to continue to support them and their families in response to the economic and social challenges they face; (Based on the SG's Policy Brief: COVID-19 and People on the Move)

**OP 21.** *Calls upon* Member States to integrate prevention, mitigation, and response efforts and reinforce plans and structures to counter the increase of sexual and gender-based violence, including domestic violence, in online and offline contexts, and child, early and forced marriage as part of their COVID-19 responses, including by maintaining and designating protection shelters, hotlines and helpdesks, health and support services as well as legal protection as essential services for all women and girls; (UN Policy Brief on Women and COVID-19)

**OP 22.** *Calls on* Member States and other relevant stakeholders to take all measures necessary, while countering the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the right of all women and girls to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences, to develop sustainable health systems and social services, with a view to ensuring universal access to such systems and services without discrimination, including in the context of achieving universal health coverage; (Based on A/RES/73/147 Fistula)

**OP 23.** *Calls upon* Member States to adopt measures to recognize, reduce and redistribute women's and girls' disproportionate share of paid and unpaid care and domestic work and the feminization of poverty, which is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including through poverty eradication measures, labour policies, public services and gender-responsive social protection programmes; (based on CSW63; policy brief on women and solidarity report)

**OP 24.** *Urges* Member States to ensure full, equal and meaningful participation in decision-making and equal access to leadership and representation in all spheres of society for all people, with a special emphasis on women, youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, older persons, COVID-19 affected communities and other marginalized groups, and to fully respect, protect and fulfil existing commitments and obligations with respect to equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, as part of their COVID-19 response; (based on OP2 74/l.52; SG's policy briefs)

**OP 25.** Supports the Secretary-General's Communications Response initiative and *reemphasizes* the importance of the right to freedom of expression, safety of journalists and

media workers, and lawful access to accurate and timely information, as essential for public health purposes, as well as social cohesion, and calls on Member States to ensure the free flow of information, without suppression, while taking steps to counter the spread of misinformation and disinformation online and offline with accurate, clear and evidence and science-based information, and avoiding measures that could result in censorship of free speech, endangering human rights and the rule of law; (based on SG's Policy Brief "COVID-19 and Human Rights")

### **Recovering Together**

**OP 26.** *Calls upon* Member States to ensure that efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for all, are accelerated in this decade of action for building more sustainable, peaceful, just, equitable, inclusive and resilient societies where no one is left behind,

**OP 27.** *Further calls upon* Member States to enact the policies necessary to address the economic crisis and depression, begin economic recovery and minimize the negative effects on livelihoods, including targeted measures for poverty eradication, social protection for formal and informal sector workers, increased access to finance and capacity building for micro, small and medium enterprises, financial inclusion mechanisms, strong fiscal stimulus packages and supportive monetary policies, and calls upon donors and other stakeholders to support countries that lack capacity to implement such measures, in particular countries in special situations; (based on SG's 2020 report on shared responsibility)

**OP 28.** *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Group of 20 to provide a time-bound suspension of debt service payments for the poorest countries and by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to provide liquidity and other support measures to ease the debt burden of developing countries, and *recommends* all relevant actors to address risks of debt vulnerabilities, through existing channels, in developing countries due to the pandemic; (verbatim P9 FFD)

**OP 29.** *Invites Member States* to consider the experience achieved by the international community in countering the COVID-19 pandemic in enhancing the effective implementation of international conventions and multilateral instruments on transport and transit, as well as bilateral, sub-regional, and regional agreements; (new)

**OP 30.** *Encourages* donors to leverage the global Aid for Trade agenda to enable developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to benefit from the opportunities afforded by global value chains and foreign investment in their sustainable recovery efforts; (verbatim P11 FFD)

**OP 31.** *Emphasizes* the need to strengthen development cooperation and to increase access to concessional finance, especially in the context of the global pandemic, and *calls upon* donors that have not done so to intensify their efforts to fulfil their respective official development assistance commitments, particularly to least developed countries; (P12 FFD)

**OP 32.** *Emphasizes that* illicit financial flows, in particular those caused by tax evasion, corruption and transnational organized crime, reduce the availability of vital resources for responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and financing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, and *calls upon* Member States to recommit to addressing the challenges of preventing and combating illicit financial flows and strengthening international cooperation and regulatory frameworks at all levels on tax administration and assets return and recovery,



including by more effective measures to implement existing obligations under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, and to implement effective, inclusive and sustainable measures to prevent and combat corruption within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (based on PP12, OP6, OP11 74/206; P14 FFD)

**OP 33.** *Calls upon* Member States and International Financial Institutions to provide liquidity in the financial system, especially in all developing countries, and *supports* the continued examination of the broader use of special drawing rights to enhance the resilience of the international monetary system; (based on shared responsibility report; OP26 74/202)

**OP 34.** *Calls upon* Member States and all relevant stakeholders to promote research and capacity-building initiatives, as well as to enhance cooperation on and access to science, innovation, technologies, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, especially with developing countries, in a collaborative, coordinated and transparent manner in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and towards advancing the Sustainable Development Goals; (based on OP27(h) 74/4)

### **Building Back Better**

**OP 35.** *Calls upon* Member States and other relevant stakeholders to refocus action and ensure that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic is conducive to the realization of the 2030 Agenda and make sustainable long-term investments to eradicate poverty in all its forms and combat inequalities, and address their underlying causes and the human rights concerns which have greatly exacerbated vulnerabilities and increased the negative effects of the pandemic, with a view to building a more inclusive, just, sustainable, resilient and shared future for all; (briefs on human rights and global solidarity)

**OP 36.** *Emphasizes* that the crisis provides an opportunity to strengthen the international debt architecture and the international financial system; (based FFD; debt report)

**OP 37.** *Calls upon* Member States to build health systems, including primary health care, that are strong, resilient, functional, well governed, responsive, accountable, integrated, community-based, people-centred and capable of quality service delivery, supported by a competent health workforce, adequate health infrastructure and essential public health functions and capacities, enabling legislative and regulatory frameworks, as well as sufficient and sustainable funding, and calls upon donors and other stakeholders to support countries that lack capacity to implement such measures; (based on 74/2 UHC PD)

**OP 38.** *Calls upon* Member States to develop recovery plans that promote sustainable development and drive transformative change towards inclusive and just societies including by empowering and engaging all women and girls, especially those who are in the most vulnerable situations; (UN Policy Brief on Women and COVID-19)

**OP 39.** *Further stresses* that the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to reduce the risk of the economic, social and environmental impacts of disasters, many of which are exacerbated by climate change and biodiversity loss, and emphasize the need to support and invest in adaptation and action at all levels to enhance efforts to build resilience through, inter alia, disaster risk reduction, community empowerment and participation and the sustainable

management of ecosystems to reduce the likelihood of zoonotic infections and the impacts and costs of disasters; (para 5 of 74/219)

**OP 40.** *Urges*, in this regard, Member States to adopt a climate -sensitive approach to COVID-19 recovery efforts, including directing investment into building sustainable and inclusive economies, reversing biodiversity loss and strengthening approaches that enhance both resilience and efficiency, such as mainstreaming the reduction in use of fossil fuels and transitioning towards a greener economy into national recovery plans and promoting climate action, renewable energy and a circular economy and raising the ambition of Nationally Determined Contributions; (SG report on shared responsibility of 2020)

**OP 41.** *Recognizes* that substantial digital divides and data inequalities exist within and among countries and regions, and between developed and all developing countries, and that many developing countries lack affordable access to information and communication technologies, and urges Member States and other relevant stakeholders to accelerate the catalytic role that digital technologies play in ameliorating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education, health, communication, commerce and business continuity and to take concerted action to further digital government and economy, scientific research, emerging technologies and new data sources and to build resilient, integrated and agile data and statistical systems under the leadership of National Statistical Offices, that can respond to the increased and urgent data demands in times of disaster and ensure a path towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals; (based on 73/141)

### **Partnerships, Commitments and the Way Forward**

**OP 42.** *Encourages* the continued implementation of current reforms of the UN development system and *affirms* that a reinvigorated resident coordinator system allow for a better, more integrated and coherent support to countries and that a strategic, flexible, country-owned, results and action-oriented UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, as well as transparency and accountability will help support countries' response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic while safeguarding and accelerating progress toward achieving the sustainable development goals; (based on OP1 72/20; UN response framework)

**OP 43.** *Further encourages* the UN development system and the UN country teams, in close cooperation with International Financial Institutions, to support countries' responses to the pandemic and its consequences based on countries' program needs and priorities, building on the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, and develop rapid-response capacities; (new)

**OP 44.** *Urges* the strengthening of international cooperation, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, bearing in mind that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for, but rather a complement to, North-South cooperation, as well as public-private partnerships to contain, mitigate and defeat the pandemic and its consequences, including by exchanging information, scientific knowledge and best practices; (new)

**OP 45.** *Calls upon* Member States to engage all relevant stakeholders, including youth, civil society, non-governmental organizations, human rights institutions, human rights defenders, the private sector, and academia, including through the establishment of participatory and transparent multi-stakeholder platforms and partnerships, to design and

implement effective responses, so that no one is left behind, and review and monitor their implementation; (based on OP9 74/20)

**OP 46.** *Encourages* Member States and other stakeholders, including the private sector and International Financial Institutions, to mobilize a large-scale, coordinated and comprehensive global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, taking note of the Secretary-General's report *Shared Responsibility, Global Solidarity* where the need of a multilateral response amounting to at least 10 per cent of global GDP is highlighted;

**OP 47.** Urges Member States and other stakeholders to mobilize, as matter of priority, resources to support all UN appeals to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, while underlining the importance of flexible funding and for these efforts not to replace or divert resources away from other emergencies or ongoing work to safeguard progress in achieving the sustainable development goals; (based on UN response framework)

**OP 48.** *Urges* all relevant actors to align investments with the 2030 Agenda, including investments supporting progress towards compliance with International Health Regulations (2005), universal health coverage and reduction of inequalities, to help ensure a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as pandemic preparedness and the prevention and detection of and response to any future disease outbreak; (based on P16 FFD)

**OP 49.** *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to work with all relevant stakeholders and mobilize the UN's network of partnerships to support Member States and other actors in national, regional and international responses to the COVID-19 pandemic; (based on OP9.1 WHA Res; PP10 S/RES/2177 (2014); UN response framework)

**OP 50.** Decides to establish an open-ended working group acting on a consensus basis, open to all Member States of the United Nations, for the purpose of strengthening the global preparedness, protection and response to future pandemics, analyse lessons learned from the different experiences of the countries addressing COVID-19 pandemic, share good practices in response to and preparation for health crises and examine possible improvements for an effective and efficient multilateral response to future pandemics, including options for the reinforcement, reform or creation of instruments to better coordinate and manage the conditions and causes of pandemics in order to prepare a report on its work for submission to the President of the General Assembly before the end of its 75th session, to serve as a basis for informing countries' response to COVID-19 and a potential General Assembly resolution on this topic and requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support within existing resources for the duration of its mandate;

Also decides that the open-ended working group shall:

- (a) Meet at United Nations Head Quarters in New York;
- (b) Invite the President of the General Assembly to nominate two co-chairs from developing and developed countries;
- (c) Decide on its calendar and programme of work by consensus at an organizational meeting before the end of 2020;

Invites Member States and relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, academia and relevant non-governmental organizations with interest in the matter, to make contributions to the work entrusted to the open-ended working group, as appropriate;

**OP 51.**        *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide regular briefings to the General Assembly on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences and to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session a focused report with action-oriented recommendations on the implementation of the Comprehensive and Coordinated Response to the COVID-19 pandemic, based on the inputs by the Member States, Regional Organizations, UN Agencies, Funds and Programs, and other relevant stakeholders; (new)

**OP 52.**        *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session a sub-item entitled “Comprehensive and Coordinated response to the COVID-19 pandemic” under its agenda item on global health and foreign policy. (new)