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THE GLOBAL MODEL WHO DECLARATION ON THE

PANDEMIC AGREEMENT

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The Most Accurate Simulation of the World Health Assembly

The Global Model WHO Declaration on the Pandemic Agreement

- We call upon all Member States to act urgently and collaboratively in finalizing and implementing the Pandemic Agreement.
- We urge all people, countries, and organizations to unite in this movement, recognizing that only through coordinated action, we can protect the lives, well-being, and futures of our generation.
- Together, we can achieve a world where health equity, resilience, and preparedness are guaranteed for all—leaving no one behind.

PREAMBLE

We, the youth delegates of the second Global Model WHO, call upon the Member States of the World Health Organization to act with urgency and resolve in finalizing the Pandemic Agreement. As the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath continues to affect the lives, futures and worldviews of our generation in unprecedented ways, we urgently remind decision-makers that today's negotiations define our future. This declaration is a call for an inclusive, equity-centered agreement that transcends borders and prepares us all to meet future health crises with resilience and unity.

THE URGENT NEED FOR A PANDEMIC AGREEMENT: A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

We, the youth of today, will bear the full weight of the Pandemic Agreement. The pandemic did not just alter our present; it disrupted our entire trajectory. Our education, mental health, opportunities, and sense of security have been irreversibly impacted. COVID-19 disrupted our education and personal development, strained our mental health due to social isolation and inconsistent policies, and, for many, reduced access to essential health services. The rising phenomena of vaccine hesitancy and vaccine nationalism further impacted vulnerable youth, while misinformation and increased violence against marginalized communities have compounded the pandemic's consequences. The uncoordinated response we experienced left deep scars on our lives. Member States have already agreed that the Pandemic Agreement could be finalized before the end of this year, and in this light the resumed 12th round of negotiations starting 4 November 2024 represent a pivotal moment in the development of a global compact for a world safer from pandemics. The time to act is not tomorrow, next year, or further rounds of negotiations. We need this agreement, and we need it now, to protect our health from being harmed in the future.

VISION FOR A UNIFIED PANDEMIC AGREEMENT

We envision communities with health at the center of every policy and empowering youth to create a sustainable, resilient health ecosystem for everyone, in which trust and transparency form the foundation of public health. A Pandemic Agreement built on these values—equity, solidarity, and the right to health—will empower us to create a future where no one is left behind, and every young person has the opportunity to live in a healthier, fairer, and more resilient world.

WHY EQUITY MUST LEAD THE WAY TO A JUST FUTURE

A key pillar of any effective Pandemic Agreement must be equity. The pandemic deepened existing inequities and shattered already vulnerable communities. Young people in marginalized and underserved regions suffered most, with limited access to vaccines, healthcare and support. We echo the calls for equitable access and meaningful youth engagement by the *WHO Youth Council's Youth Declaration on Creating Healthy Societies* (2024). Every region needs a fair chance to protect and provide for their youth. The Agreement must do more than prevent future pandemics; it must build a global health infrastructure that respects and protects everyone.

TRUE IMPACT THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION

As young leaders and advocates for a healthier world, we urgently call on all Member States to adopt a robust Pandemic Agreement. Yet, this is only the beginning. True

impact lies in the commitment to implement it fully through concrete actions, including:

1. A Unified, Adaptable Pandemic Response through a globally coordinated pandemic preparedness and response strategy which learns from past crises and evolves with feedback from diverse stakeholders to protect all populations, especially young citizens, in future health emergencies.
2. Regional Crisis Preparedness through crisis management strategies with due regard for regional priorities to respond to outbreaks in a timely manner, reducing response times and helping to protect vulnerable communities, such as young people.
3. Equitable Resource Access guaranteed through equitable access to pandemic response resources to ensure that all countries and communities, particularly marginalized and underserved populations, receive essential support during future pandemics.
4. Transparency and Accountability in public health responses to foster trust and ensure robust public engagement through actively monitoring, evaluating and reporting on pandemic preparedness efforts.
5. Public-Private Partnerships against Misinformation between public health institutions and private sector platforms to combat misinformation, providing accessible, accurate and age group tailored health information on social media to foster health literacy.
6. Youth-Centered Communication and Engagement that actively involves young people in pandemic response efforts, fostering platforms where youth can share their perspectives and build resilience, and address their mental health needs with accessible, relatable resources tailored to their unique experiences.
7. Frontline Worker Support that acknowledges the crucial role of healthcare workers and volunteers as well as the importance of creating a workforce that is well-prepared for emerging pandemics by providing them with the required training, support and resources.
8. Education and Preparedness Training that supports the integration of pandemic preparedness in curricula to build resilience and awareness from an early age, ensuring populations are educated and prepared for health emergencies.
9. Holistic and Preventative Health Approaches that strengthen research and innovation, prioritizing prevention and a One Health approach to safeguard the health of people, animals and ecosystems to reduce the risk of future pandemics.
10. Mental Health and Social Resilience that addresses the mental health challenges faced by young people and builds resilience in communities while recognizing how pandemics impact our generation long-term.

We call upon Member States to account for our lived experiences and prioritize our needs during further negotiations. Let us ensure that in our quest to prevent, prepare for, and respond to future pandemics, no one is left behind.

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