



Special Political

Covid -19 Vaccine Enforcement Policies

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Introduction:

Dear Delegates,

Your chairs, Zineb (zineb.benchekroun@asm.ma) and Zaynah (zaynah.al_masri@ast.ma) are extremely delighted to welcome you to the Tangier MUN Conference 2021, more specifically the Special Political Committee. We are looking forward to meeting and working with you and most importantly discussing Covid-19 Vaccine Enforcement Policies.

General Overview:

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Governments around the world have faced the challenge of how to respond to the recent outbreak of a novel coronavirus. Some have reacted by greatly restricting the freedom of citizens, while others have opted for less drastic policies. Due to the rapid spread of Covid, many countries were struck upon a strict lockdown which drastically affected the spread of Covid in a positive way.

As the world continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for the global distribution of vaccines, vaccine misinformation presents a significant and growing public health challenge — and we all have a role to play. We are focused on mitigating misleading information that presents the biggest potential harm to people's health and wellbeing. While some countries focus on educating their populace about the benefits of vaccination and leaving the choice to individuals, others offer financial incentives or have made vaccinations mandatory to ensure high coverage rates.

Enforcement is another issue. Several countries with mandatory vaccination policies opt not to enforce them. And most everyone appears to agree that vaccination programs must allow for medical exemptions. Also, due to COVID-19 constantly mutating, scientists seem unlikely to seriously affect vaccine efficacy and therefore are producing vaccines at a rate which allows those most at risk of dying or getting seriously ill from the virus—nursing home residents and those caring for them, medical workers and the elderly. Due to this, the shortage of vaccines has been a major issue and therefore has caused an argument throughout the world.

Questions to Consider:

1. Are vaccines mandatory? If so, which vaccines are available, and how do they contribute to the political environment in your country?
2. What type of plan does your country's government have in place to enforce mass vaccination?
3. Do statutory religious exemptions encompass philosophic oppositions?
4. How has your country previously dealt with disease outbreaks? How has this affected its political standing with other nations?
5. What is your country currently doing to enforce mass vaccination? How has this affected its political and economical status?
6. Should a country's cultural beliefs/perspectives be overlooked in order to ensure safety from diseases around the globe?
7. How can countries better their vaccine enforcement policies when it comes to varying future virus outbreaks and/or mutations?

Key Words:

- The Global Vaccine Deployment Working Group: works directly with UN Country Teams, UN entities and partners across the UN system to ensure that all eligible personnel and partners are included in this programme and to prioritize those eligible individuals based on occupational and medical risk criteria in each country
- UDHR: rights (such as freedom from unlawful imprisonment, torture, and execution) regarded as belonging fundamentally to all persons.
- Mutation: a relatively permanent change in hereditary material that involves either a change in chromosome structure or number (as in translocation, deletion, duplication, or polyploidy) or a change in the nucleotide sequence of a gene's codons (as in frameshift or

missense errors) and that occurs either in germ cells or in somatic cells but with only those in germ cells being capable of perpetuation by sexual reproduction.

- Pfizer: The Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is used to provide protection against COVID-19, caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, by eliciting an immune response to the S antigen. The vaccine is used to reduce morbidity and mortality from COVID-19.
- Moderna: COVID-19 vaccine developed by American company Moderna, the United States National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority.
- Global Humanitarian Response Plan: sets out the priorities for the COVID-19 response in vulnerable and poor countries. It is the primary vehicle for raising resources for the immediate COVID-19 related health and multi-sectoral needs in more than 50 priority countries.
- Human Development Index (HDI): The HDI is a measurement system used by the United Nations to evaluate the level of individual human development in each country. The HDI uses components such as average annual income and educational expectations to rank and compare countries.

UN Involvement:

- The WHO has taken up quick action to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and strongly encourages people to get vaccinated. The epidemic has generated a development emergency like no other, jeopardizing progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals. The UN Secretary-General's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Trust Fund is bringing the UN's power, speed, and reach to nations and people to help them recover more quickly. The Fund is assisting nations in coping with and recovering from the pandemic's social and economic consequences. The investments are various, but they all adhere to the same principles: urgent and immediate action, a focus on Leaving No One Behind, and a commitment to inclusion.

Requirements:

- A. Substantial research on the topic.
- B. A position paper pertaining to the topic.
- C. Potential solutions to solving the issue.
- D. A Smile ;)

(position papers and resolution papers are due December 30th)

Please send us your numbers as we will be creating a whatsapp group chat!

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