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Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The General Assembly,

Noting with great concern the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, which continues to spread globally,

Recognizing the unprecedented effects of the pandemic, including the severe disruption to societies and economies, as well as to global travel and commerce, and the devastating impact on the livelihood of people,



Recognizing also that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic and that the impact of the crisis will reverse hard-won development gains and hamper progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,¹

Recognizing further the central role of the United Nations system in catalysing and coordinating the global response to control and contain the spread of COVID-19, and acknowledging in this regard the crucial role played by the World Health Organization,

Welcoming the call by the Secretary-General to tackle the health emergency and focus on the social impact and economic response measures and his emphasis on the need for a sustainable and inclusive recovery,

Recognizing the efforts made by Governments as well as health-care workers 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,

Acknowledging the need for all relevant stakeholders to work together at the national, regional and global levels to ensure that no one is left behind,

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation,

1. *Reaffirms* its commitment to international cooperation and multilateralism and its strong support for the central role of the United Nations system in the global response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

2. *Emphasizes* the need for full respect for human rights, and stresses that there is no place for any form of discrimination, racism and xenophobia in the response to the pandemic;

3. *Expresses its profound condolences to and solidarity* with the families and societies whose people have lost their lives to the disease, those who are battling for their survival and those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by the crisis;

4. *Expresses its gratitude and support* to all frontline health-care workers, medical professionals, scientists and researchers, as well as other essential workers around the world who are working under difficult and challenging circumstances to deal with the pandemic;

5. *Calls for* intensified international cooperation to contain, mitigate and defeat the pandemic, including by exchanging information, scientific knowledge and best practices and by applying the relevant guidelines recommended by the World Health Organization;

6. *Renews its commitment* to help people and societies in special situations, especially the weakest and most vulnerable, and recognizes that many Governments have offered their assistance and support to others in a spirit of solidarity and mutual support;

7. *Reaffirms its full commitment* to the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, and in this regard underlines the need for the United Nations system to work as one to support all Governments;

8. *Expresses optimism* that the unprecedented crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic can be mitigated and successfully reversed through leadership and sustained global cooperation and solidarity;

9. *Calls upon* the United Nations system, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to work with all relevant actors in order to mobilize a coordinated global response to the pandemic and its adverse social, economic and financial impact on all societies.

¹ See resolution [70/1](#).