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Deeply concerned with the morbidity and mortality posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact on physical and mental health, as well as human welfare, the overall consequences imposed by thus epidemiological problem in general,

Extending solidarity to all nations suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic,

Recognizing the efforts of WHO, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), and all partners contributing to enhancing the effectiveness of vaccination services, improving immunization coverage, and promoting vaccines in developing countries

For all states, we propose:

- 1. <u>Proposes</u> to prohibit refugees from crossing the country's borders more than once every six months to prevent pressure on the health care of the so-called transit countries between two destinations and to reduce the spread of coronavirus in the world and allow exceptional cases to be resettled within and out of their borders to ensure that life-saving help is available;
- 2. <u>Proposes</u> to provide vaccine to refugees when their application has already been accepted to host countries;
- 3. <u>Insists</u> all UN member states to provide benefits to pharmaceutical companies producing the COVID 2019 vaccine, which distribute them to refugees at minimal cost or free of charge, such as, but not limited to:
 - 1. Reduced taxation
 - 2. Subsidies
 - 3. Provide assistance in increasing production capacity and renting land or premises

- 4. <u>Encourage</u> all member states who supply other countries with vaccines to facilitate customs procedures and reduce duties;
- 5. <u>Urges</u> all member states to grant the right to early acquisition of citizenship for those who have taken the initiative in testing new vaccines against COVID 2019;
- 6. To urge countries to add refugees in National Vaccination Program:
 - 1. Vaccination is mandatory in refugee camps;
 - 2. Vaccination is voluntary for refugees with proper housing conditions;
 - 3. Relevant information about covid-19 and vaccination must be provided in refugee camps.
- 7. <u>To prioritize</u> vaccination program for seniors and people suffering from innate diseases (including refugees). The specific age is determined by every country by their social and economic situation and overall population age;
- 8. <u>To give</u> refugees a residence permits only by them providing an official paper confirming received vaccination;
- 9. <u>To urge</u> countries to add refugees in National and International Vaccination Programs;
- 10. Vaccination is mandatory in refugee camps;
- 11. Relevant information about covid-19 and vaccination must be provided in refugee camps;
- 12. <u>To prioritize</u> vaccination program for seniors, people suffering from innate diseases and frontline health workers (including refugees). The specific age is determined by every country by their social and economic situation and overall population age;