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*Guided by* the purposes and principles of the [Charter of United Nations](#),

*Reaffirming* the definition of a [pandemic](#) as being an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people,

*Recognizing* that the Wuhan virus has had various economic implications,

*Affirming* the importance of aiding those affected by unemployment in these precarious times, which is mirrored in the national responses of countries,

*Regrets* the decrease in salaries of workers and also the increase in hidden unemployment,

*Notes* that the increasing rate of unemployment has health implications as well since many employees are provided Health Insurance by their employers, as mentioned by Romania

*Commending* the French Republic's initiative pertaining to 'work from home' and other nascent fiscal policies, to curtail unemployment, during the Wuhan Virus Pandemic, and their unemployment benefits, through which the government supports 10.2 million of its french unemployed citizens,

*Aware of* the unemployment benefits that are present in the United Kingdom to proliferate a sense of relief to the unemployed and some benefits include:

1. The United Kingdom provides slight financial support to unemployed individuals;
2. Unemployed individuals can take advantage of the Jobseeker's Allowance which gives a set allowance every 2 weeks as long as the individual is eligible;

*Approving of* Ukraine's unemployment benefits to establish a sense of relief:

1. The Ukraine Government will provide certain benefits to the unemployed;
2. Supplementary Payments will be provided to the unemployed;

*Commending the United States's initiative* to end unemployment, by adopting the following:

- Employee Retention Credit;
- Supplemental Tax Credits;
- Payroll Tax Deferral;
- Payroll support;
- Loan Support;

*Approving* the reduction in working hours by countries such as Germany along with donating ventilators to United Kingdom,

*Observing* the french republic's national policy plan to add 40 billion euros in government-backed, low-rate emergency loans had been extended to french businesses amid the coronavirus crisis -- an average of 140,000 euros to some 251,000 businesses, government's budget for that program increased from 20 to 24 billion euros,

*Noting* the national response of Finland, in terms of employment which is based around combating unemployment by implementing a hybrid lockdown and a three step plan: 'Test' 'Trace' and 'Isolate',

*Recognizing* the efforts of North Macedonia which introduced access to credit guarantees and subsidized credit for firms ,tax and loan payment cuts or subsidies or deferrals for wages to reduce layoff and increased social assistance for the poor,

*Mindful of* the Ukraine government's efforts in increasing loan limits for individuals,

*Acknowledging* Vietnam's efforts put in directive no. 16/CT-TTg and Vietnam's resolution 42/NQ-CP, under which the following will be implemented:

1. Strict Social Distancing;
2. Factories, businesses and service establishments producing and providing essential goods are allowed to remain open but must follow strict health guidelines;

3. Stop the use of public transport, except in cases of public duty, shuttle buses for employees, experts, inspectors and vehicles transporting manufacturing materials, goods. Minimising the utilisation of personal vehicles;

*Further taking note* of Bangladesh's national response which was to convert production lines to produce 500,000 PPEs, in coordination with five of the largest member companies of the Bangladesh Garment manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA),

*Noting with approval* the commendable national policy introduced by the [Ministry of Finance](#) of Singapore which is based on [Resilience](#) and [Solidarity Budgets](#) focusing on three points:

1. Preventing unemployment;
2. Aiding businesses and companies in order to evade precarious situations during the Chinese Wuhan Virus outbreak;
3. Ameliorating the bond of social and economic resilience;

*Noting with satisfaction* that the state bank of Vietnam has issued a directive for credit institutions also commercial banks to manage cash flow, liquidity, debt, and interest rates,

*Expressing with appreciation* the new budgetary measures which have been legislated by South Korea along with reduced interest rates, tax deductions and additional loans for micro-firms, and rate cuts,

*Aware of* Ukraine's efforts in providing financial support for families amidst the Covid-19 pandemic,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Government of India has set up relief centres which are providing free food to nearly 400000 people everyday and has also created a website with detailed guidelines approved by the WHO,

*Observing* the Russian national plan of action as a result of which:

1. State payments of \$160 per month to small and medium sized businesses through a \$32.9 million reserve fund;
2. A non working paid month for all employees;
3. An economic package worth 1.3% of the GDP;
4. A package of \$2.6billion for supporting regional budgets from the federal government;
5. \$307 million support for airlines;
6. Free salary loans for firms;

*Approving of* Ukraine's Minister's decision for regulating food prices

*Expressing satisfaction* over the National Plan of the United States of America, which is based on four main priorities, under the ambit of [the Cares Act](#):

1. [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#);
2. [Assistance for Small Businesses](#);
3. [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#);
4. [Assistance for State and Local Governments](#);

*Condone* Romania's and Japan's support to the automotive industry by applying lower taxes during the pandemic,

*Fully alarmed* over the IMF's declaration of a [global recession](#),

*Recognizing* the coronavirus pandemic has seen the global market fall by a third in just one month,

*Having considered* the impact of the pandemic on the global supply chain, which has been a major obstruction, ultimately leading to a global recession,

*Noting with deep concern* that Multinational companies will shut down due to decreasing demand and will lead to Balance of Trade crises such as in countries like Romania,

*Taking into consideration* the World Trade Organisation has said that global trade volume could plummet by 31.9% and the International Monetary Fund has predicted for the global economy to shrink by 3%,

*Recognizing* the effects on Singapore's economy:

1. Contraction of the economy by [10.6% quarter-on-quarter, or 2.2% year-on year](#);
2. Sectors such as the tourism and aviation have been [notably affected](#);
3. Consumer facing sectors including [food services, retail trade, and land transport](#) have recorded losses;
4. Wholesale trade has also [decreased](#);

*Reminds* the committee of the fact that developed countries which don't grow raw material will have to import it which will eventually lead to Balance of Payment crises,

*Recognizing* the United Kingdom's Provision of finance for small to medium businesses which acts as follows:

1. The United Kingdom launched the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme which enables businesses to have finances of upto £45,000,000 in order to access loans, overdrafts, invoice finance and asset finance;
2. Small and Medium-sized businesses are able to apply for a coronavirus Bounce Back loan of upto £50,000,;
3. For businesses that are not able to pay their employees, the United Kingdom launched the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme which enables employers to claim for 80% of their wages on the condition that they have been put under furlough;

*Expressing its appreciation* over the fact that workers may have approval of their employers to work inside of their homes, in order to obstruct the spread of the virus and to stabilize the growth of economy,

*Appreciating* that employees require a certificate to work outside if working from home is not possible with the employers stamp on the certificate,

*Taking into account* the effect of the pandemic on third-world countries as small businesses selling luxury items shut down leading to a further decrease in the GDP,

*Reaffirming* the importance of sick leaves, during the pandemic in order to avert the risk of spread of the virus and an example of direct recognition to this includes:

1. The United Kingdom's Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme which supplies employers with the current rate of Statutory Sick Pay so that there is no pressurization to employees;

*Recognising* the threat to small and medium sized businesses due to the Chinese Wuhan Virus pandemic, and countries productive responses which include:

1. Work from home policies;
2. National initiatives such as the [Paycheck Protection Program under the CARES act](#) by the [small businesses administration](#) and the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme;

*Recognizing* the danger posed by imminent migration workers, hence this committee commends all forms of national plans in order to ensure the virus reaches a definitive terminus e.g the [United States' National Policy](#) to suspend Immigration temporarily,

*Approves* of the [initiative](#) launched by the Singaporean government which includes:

1. Providing employers with \$600 million under the Wage Credit Scheme;
2. Reducing property tax for hotels, tourist attractions, apartments;
3. Expansion of Temporary Bridging Loan Programme;

*Stressing* the importance of moving to an online environment for the education and business sector,

*Desiring* the reduction of interest rates and work hours to help cope with the Economic Recession with some examples including:

1. The reduction of South Korea's interest rates;
2. The slashing of the United Kingdom's interest rates to 0.1%;

*Noting with Appreciation* that The administration of Donald Trump will [provide Economic Impact Payments to American](#) citizens which includes:

Aiding households of up to \$1,200 per adult for individuals whose income was less than \$99,000 ( or

1. \$198,000 for joint filers)
2. \$500 per child under 17 years old – or up to \$3,400 for a family of four.
3. Adscititiously, the [Internal Revenue Service](#) will utilize the information under the provisions of [Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099 \(Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.\)](#) in order to engender \$1,200 Economic Impact Payments to Social Security recipients who failed to file tax returns in 2018 or 2019

*Expressing appreciation* over the extension of the deadline of submission of the Problem Asset, Resolution Plan by the National Bank of Ukraine,

*Taking into Consideration* the fixation of Utility costs in countries like Romania,

*Deploring* Acts of Multinational Malpractice, which does conform to national labor law, as stated by Romania,

*Aware of* the efforts of fining individuals due to unnecessary roaming outdoors

Taking into consideration the EU's policies, which include:

1. The Green EU initiative;
2. 135 euros as fine for violating lockdown (following a 30 day hiatus a person is fined 3750 euros and 6 months imprisonment);

*Notes* the decrease in oil prices due to decrease in demand of travel and cosmetics which decreased supply,

*Deeply Convinced* of the beneficial use of smart devices and websites in the to track the spread of the virus, as has been seen in:

1. Countries such as South Korea, for using smartphones in order to alert citizens about cases in the close proximity;
2. Countries which keep citizens updated using websites such as [United States](#) and [Singapore](#);

*Noting Further* that applying results from a suspected infected recorded epidemiological model to a detained quarterly computable general equilibrium model can help in analysing the global economic effect of a pandemic,

*Considering* the tremendous impact of this pandemic on people's lives combined with the fact that many experts believe that the Chinese Wuhan Virus, it might be a biological weapon from China, hence it must be held accountable if this is the case

*Supports* Thailand's steps to accelerate investment in the medical sector to safeguard human foundation,

*Expressing Appreciation* over Ukraine's decision of easing the lockdown for small and medium sized businesses to keep them going,

*Appreciating* India's prerogative to provide free shelter to the unemployed,

*Expecting* Ukraine to keep certain essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies and banks running for the welfare of the people,

*Aware of the fact* that there are increased cases of domestic abuse with over 700 percent in calls since the lockdown has been implemented in several nations due to which women are being trapped with

abusive partners hence violating Article 5 of [the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights](#), as mentioned by the French Republic,

*Fully aware* of the Russian Federation's use of biometric surveillance to effectively keep track of individuals during quarantine,

*Decides* to actively remain seized of the matter.