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The coronavirus pandemic has had devastating consequences in the economic and social realm for Mexico and the vast majority of Member States in the Organization. This pathogen has put our health systems to the test, as well as the capacity of Member States to adopt emergency measures to mitigate the impacts as best as possible. At the moment, more than 28 million cases have been detected globally (Dong, Du & Gardner, 2020). The nations of the world must find the delicate equilibrium between caring for the health of the most vulnerable groups and mitigating economic collapse as much as possible. To our detriment, the international community has discovered that, in terms of extraordinary public policies, this situation resembles more a dichotomy, than a well-balanced mix of both.

Mexico recognizes the need for each country to chart its own, particular course out of this situation. As a consequence of having very different populations, economies and health systems, the competence of each country in measuring and dealing with the virus must be evaluated on an individual basis. As stated by the Undersecretary of Prevention and Health Promotion, Dr. Hugo López-Gatell, each country possesses distinct methodologies to carry out epidemiological surveillance (Miranda, Morales & Villa y Caña, 2020). The Mexican Government has responded to the threat, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable, the poorest. Among the adopted measures are the early distribution of money deposits for children and youth with disabilities, and financial support for the elderly. Likewise, a program of one million credits for microentrepreneurs and merchants was implemented, in order to support people who subsist on short-term income (These are the ..., 2020). The Government of Mexico has followed the recommendations of the World Health Organization for the implementation of containment measures. Unfortunately, as a result of the high incidence of co-morbidities such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity, Mexico has received a very significant impact on the infected population, with high mortality rates. A campaign has been launched against unhealthy food, pursuant of a better diet.

In conclusion, the Government of Mexico is aware of the enormous challenges facing the international community. Thus, it has resolved on the following points and proposals:

- With the support of the Carlos Slim Foundation, the Mexican Government has joined the effort for mass-production of the vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford, in order to deliver it on time for distribution.
- Mexico reaffirms its commitment to the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for the efficient and transparent purchase of drugs and vaccines (Pan American Health Organization, 2020).
- Mexico has built multisectoral alliances to promote the United Nations “Verified” campaign, so as to combat misinformation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (UN Mexico News, 2020).
- Mexico will continue with progressive proposals that aim to guarantee access to necessary medical equipment and supplies to developing countries. These proposals will be similar in character to the one sponsored by more than 160 countries, as a means to end speculation regarding medical supplies, guarantee equal conditions in access to equipment, and increase funding for scientific research (SRE, 2020).

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