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INEQUITIES IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

The COVID-19 pandemic is coming close to an end as the outbreaks are being controlled by the vaccine. Many companies like Pfizer, Moderna, Serum Institute of India, Novavax, and many others have been mass-producing as many vaccine doses as possible to reach the nations. However, there hasn't been a fair and equal distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to each country. The UN has realized this issue and has already done some work to fix it. The UN System-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme gives the vaccine to the UN personnel to boost the ability of personnel to "stay and deliver on the United Nations mandates, to support beneficiaries in the communities they serve, and to contribute to the United Nations's ongoing work to recover better together from the pandemic. The United Nations has also created a comprehensive response to COVID-19. This response makes sure that no nation is left behind, reduces the vulnerability of the nations to future attacks, builds resilience to future events like climate change, and overcomes the severe and systemic inequalities exposed by this pandemic.

Czechia has shown its tremendous generosity during the state of crisis and has delivered not only an undefined number of AstraZeneca vaccine doses to Uganda but also 300 ICU hospital beds as of September 23rd, 2021. Czechia has also founded the Health Risks Council, with the President of the Council being Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, to deal with serious health risks that could pose a threat to Czechia's population by making policies, acts, and laws for the Czech Republic. Since September 20th, 2021, people over 60 and those at risk because of medical conditions can get a booster vaccine shot. Czechia has also preordered 700,000 vaccine doses for children ages 5 to 11, which covers about 86% of the 809,000 children in Czechia.

Czechia understands the gravity of this situation and is willing to work with other countries in the United Nations for the common good. Czechia proposes to give the booster shot to the hospital staff in the areas with the biggest COVID-19 outbreaks and unvaccinated populations, and then donate the excess vaccine doses to countries with a low total inoculation rate. Czechia would also like to work with other countries in the United Nations to help with the vaccination rates and lessen the impact of COVID-19 on the world. Czechia recognizes the fact that some countries might not want to donate their excess vaccine doses to other countries to increase their own total inoculation rate, but Czechia would like to point out that if some countries have a much lower inoculation rate, the pandemic will take longer to end, hindering the economic development of countries. However, if the vaccine doses were to be appropriated throughout the nations as equally as possible, the COVID-19 cases would start going down, increasing the chance of the pandemic being over. Czechia proposes using the money from the United Nations to fairly compensate for the vaccine doses being given to other nations. Czechia suggests that in the future, all nations as a whole would be better off if the United Nations, and specifically UN committees that deal with global health, were in charge of distributing the COVID-19 vaccine doses for a more equal and appropriate amount of doses spread throughout the member states of the United Nations.