Country: ISRAEL

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Agenda Item: New Normal after the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Role of Vaccination

 Israel is located in Asia, is very diverse, with desert conditions in the south, and snow-capped mountains in the north. Israel is located at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. Israel’s area is approximately 20,770 km². Has a population of 9,450,000. The economy of Israel is a developed free-market economy.[23][24][25][26] Israel ranks 35th on the World Bank's ease of doing business index. It has the second-largest number of startup companies in the world after USA.

Healthcare in Israel and Life Expactancy: All Israeli residents are entitled to basic health care as a fundamental right. The Israeli healthcare system is based on the National Health Insurance Law of 1995, which mandates all citizens resident in the country to join one of four official health insurance organizations, known as Kupat Holim which are run as not-for-profit organizations and are prohibited by law from denying any Israeli resident membership. Israelis can increase their medical coverage and improve their options by purchasing private health insurance. In a survey of 48 countries in 2013, Israel's health system was ranked fourth in the world in terms of efficiency, and in 2014 it ranked seventh out of 51. In 2020, Israel's health system was ranked third most efficient in the world. In 2015, Israel was ranked sixth-healthiest country in the world by Bloomberg rankings[4] and ranked eighth in terms of life expectancy.

The first case in Israel was confirmed on 21 February 2020, when a female citizen tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 at the Sheba Medical Center after return from quarantine on the Diamond Princess ship in Japan. The COVID-19 pandemic in Israel also known as the coronavirus pandemic in Israel is a part of increasing global Covid-19, better known as Coronavirus, global pandemic, that is caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), has caused 6,067,805 deaths and 458,910,595 cases in total. Which means nearly 1/7 of population around the world was infected. In Israel. About 64% of population has already recieved at least one dose. Sadly, even after vaccinations there are 41,619 active cases today. Due to increasing cases, members of the AHRQ evidence-Based Care Transformation Support (ACTS) initiative Stakeholder Community has started working together under this 'ACTS COVID-19 Evidence-to-Action Steering Collaborative' to improve the development, dissemination and use of “living" COVID-19 guidance. Besides, 2 April 2020: Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and 20 April 2020: International cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to face COVID-19 has activated by UN. Israel-related previous solutions on topic:

First Ever Global Diplomatic-Technology Summit to Explore Israel’s Pioneering Post-Covid Solutions” (November 23, 2020, JNS Wire) Ambassador Nikki Haley and Ambassador Danny Danon will be headlining a global summit on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 that will include world leaders, heads of states, ministers of foreign affairs, policy makers and diplomats who will meet with industry experts, investors and innovators for the first global summit of its kind; the DiploTech Global Summit 2020: Israeli Innovation, Our Collective Future. As Ambassador Danny Danon said: “The COVID crisis has highlighted the necessity and importance of technology for Israel and the world. The DiploTech Global Summit 2020 will highlight Israel’s unrivalled innovations and pioneering technology in the fields of sustainable development, post-Covid solutions, water, cyber and agriculture. It is a conference that will showcase tomorrow’s technologies, but more importantly, it will help build bridges and create connections between Israel and the global community. These authentic connections will help change the lives of societies for the better in a real and tangible way.”

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