**Position Paper**

**Country:** Federal Republic of Germany

**Committee:** World Health Organization (WHO)

**Topic:** Responding to the opposition to vaccination

Federal Republic of Germany believes that one of the most devastating pandemics the world faces for a few years now, named COVID-19, can be overcomed by effective vaccination. But vaccines are only effective if enough people get them. Despite being offered COVID-19 shots near supermarkets, stadiums and even on trains, fewer people have been vaccinated in Germany than in many other European nations. Why is that? Because of “vaccine deniers” who believed that perhaps nothing would happen to them if they did not get vaccinated. This is a serious problem that every country should pay attention to. Next year because of the global situation, everyone who is not vaccinated will become infected. So there is only the choice between infection and vaccination. The solution to this problem, opposition to vaccination, is twofold: Awareness work via the media and legal activity.

Federal Republic of Germany quickly understood the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemics and take actions to produce a solution to eradicate the virus. Result was the most protective vaccine which is the world’s first developed vaccine using mRNA technology. But because of the strong vaccine resistance tradition, vaccination rates could only reached 70% so far. Mostly due to the misleading informations shared in social media people get confused and arouse trust problems against vaccines. This opposition to vaccination attitude is not only seen in Germany but also every other country faces with the situation at some ratio. It has been showed that vaccines prevent intensive care up to 90% and death up to 86%. These results indicates that all countries in the world should unite their forces under the roof of UN to minimize opposition to vaccination.

Opposition to vaccination problem can be solved by a clear commucation trough media and some legal motivation sources. The most important part of the problem comes from misleading information at social media. It is curicial to identify every false idea against vaccines and give the simply and clearly understandable version of the correct scientific explanation for each of them by a field expert trusted by people. As a legal solution, some countries such as the USA and China offer some amount of money to people who gets vaccinated. Or unvaccinated people should be restricted to enter crowded areas. These solutions must be applied by all the countries synchronously.

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