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Transmissible diseases are major problems to both society and states as they create chaos as well as creating health threatening situations which affect nearly everything. As the USSR we believe epidemics and any transmission should be prevented as we try to completely isolate ourselves from transmissible diseases. We should be aware of the fact that no one is safe when there is still this aforementioned virus spreading somewhere and creating a threat. Moreover, it is proven that this virus targets our children who later will become our future. If we do not manage to eradicate this horrifying disease, it only means that we aren’t doing anything but watching this virus poison our future.

Even though vaccinations are being done and cases are visibly lower than they used to be, as WHO members we need to make sure that every child is completely safe from this terrible virus and it is only possible if we work all together, join forces, support developing countries and most importantly provide healthcare to everyone. Health is a serious topic and we need to take immediate and permanent actions. We strongly believe that over the past solutions we have found, now we need to take stronger and more elaborated actions.

As the delegation of USSR, we would like to underline that we take this issue seriously and thus, we strictly wish to continue our measurements which consisted of vaccination acts, surveillance of cases, and researches concerning the origins of the virus. It is a well-known fact that, Europe and US were the ones to suffer the most from polio within the years 1950-1960. As a result of this, USSR was the one to act against polio by hosting Sabin’s vaccination researches. And we would like to remind you that the production of OPV, which was a crucial step to take during the war against the disease, was mainly done in USSR’s territories. Bear in mind that mass revaccination and immunization programs should be implemented in every nation just like they are being done in USSR. In terms of numbers; we have accomplished the vaccination of the entire population under the age of 20 which equals to 77 million people by the end of 1960. Considering that, many African conflict-affected countries or some developing Asian countries are not yet safe of polio, all of the members of this committee should take willing actions not only for their nation but others, too.

But in terms of solutions what are the barriers ahead us and what can we possibly do to eliminate these factors? We would like to declare that vaccination is the key throughout this period and it will take a large place also within the eradication of the disease. Moreover, it is very crucial that every obstacle such as religious anti-vaccination movements or cultural or economic reasons should be exceeded. Also, we invite every nation taking part in this committee to show their best efforts as long as we fight against this issue because this initiative is a must for everyone living in this world as poliovirus concerns everyone. Therefore, money invests are expected as well as healthcare acts. We must do everything possible to prevent this disease from resurging.