

## **Resolution on consequences from COVID-19 pandemic**

The coronavirus pandemic that hit the world from January 2020 onwards has led to a major, multi-dimensional global crisis. Pressure on national health services, a major economic downturn and new sources of tension on the world stage are just some of the most obvious negative consequences that spring to mind. The coronavirus pandemic shows that new health crises can emerge at any time, and that health threats do not respect borders. Awareness and demand for cross-border cooperation, for coordinated response and for high levels of preparedness, have risen.

### **The IDC-CDI:**

1. Welcomes the joint EU-level action against the pandemic, which led to find the first effective coronavirus vaccine.
2. Welcomes the European vaccines strategy, which ensures the quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines whereas all EU Member States got access to COVID-19 vaccines at the same time based on population size while leading the global solidarity effort.
3. Supports the demands of the World Health Organization whereas equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines for all countries needs to be ensured and to strengthen global production capacities for therapeutics and vaccines.
4. Underlines its commitment to the principle of universal, equitable and affordable access to vaccines, especially for the most vulnerable countries.
5. Remembers where there is crisis, there is also opportunity. Areas of potential opportunity which the crisis may offer to improve policy for the future: working globally more closely together on health policy, using climate action to promote a sustainable recovery, re-thinking the world of work, future-proofing education, harnessing e-commerce and championing universal values and multilateralism.
6. Underlines that in the coming months, it is crucial that all countries in the world continue to use the proven measures against the coronavirus. An extension of the lockdown is probably inevitable, but we must reopen the schools as soon as possible were they are completely closed, but then with very good concepts.