



## **Background Paper**

**Committee:** General Assembly

**Topic A:** Global Shift to Preventive Care: Implementation and Efficiency in Healthcare Systems

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The global shift towards preventative care marks a significant change in healthcare systems worldwide due to its potential to revolutionize them. This transition reflects a growing acknowledgment of the importance of driven measures to prevent diseases and sickness rather than focusing only on treatments.

The importance of this topic lies in its capacity to completely shift healthcare to a proactive model (taking measures before) rather than a reactive model as seen now. This shift would mean reducing the escalating statistics of chronic diseases as described by WHO: “By around 2050, chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and respiratory illnesses – will account for 86 percent of the 90 million deaths each year: a staggering 90 percent increase in absolute numbers, since 2019.” It would also mean the improving of the overall population’s health, and ensuring the long-term economic sustainability and efficiency of healthcare systems globally.

The current healthcare model focuses on treating illnesses after they occur, leading to late diagnosis, substantial economic costs, and a lack of medical resources. As preventative care is underused or known of, it continues contributing to oftentimes fatal consequences on illnesses that could’ve been prevented. The lack of public awareness, the challenge that resource allocation brings when there’s not enough budgeting and different cultural beliefs towards health impede the effective implementation of preventative care.

Several countries like France, Germany, Canada, and Sweden have initiated preventative care programs that incorporate vaccinations, screenings, and lifestyle changes; however, the same effort has yet to be seen throughout the globe. To address this, international collaboration is needed to facilitate the sharing of technological innovations, best practices, and financial resources. To promote the shift to preventative care on a larger and more meaningful scale, governments should invest in infrastructure, health education, and new medical technologies. The debate should concentrate on establishing a backed-up scheme for the implementation of preventative care, addressing barriers that come up like cultural diversity, economic restraints, or lack of access to resources. The debate should also focus on the importance of shifting society's perspective on health, promoting the culture of proactively managing their health.

Understanding the importance of proactive health, addressing the existing challenges and challenges that may come up, and focusing on solutions that benefit all parties involved are vital for building a well-founded healthcare system that not only offers solutions for existing illnesses but also prevents more illnesses from coming up.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” - Benjamin Franklin

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## **Background Paper**

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**Topic B:** Rebooting Global Cooperation to Navigate the Multitude of Shocks Facing the Global Economy.

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"Rebooting Global Cooperation to Navigate the Multitude of Shocks Facing the Global Economy" is a critical initiative aimed at supporting collaboration between nations to tackle the diverse challenges impacting the world economy. However, the 21st century has witnessed unprecedented challenges, including financial crises, pandemics, and climate change, necessitating a renewed focus on global cooperation. This initiative recognizes the evolving nature of threats and seeks to adapt international frameworks to effectively address the complex and hooked challenges facing the global economy.

The importance of countries like the United States, China, European Union member states, and others are actively engaged in discussions and efforts to achieve global cooperation. Major economies and global institutions often play key roles in shaping these initiatives. The specifics may vary based on diplomatic interactions, international conferences, and collaborative agreements formed among nations to address economic challenges collectively.

Currently, these issues are contributing to the same economy and cycle. The global economy continues to recover from the pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the cost-of-living crisis. Countries must propose frameworks for enhanced international cooperation to ensure global economic stability and resilience.

The central point of this debate is to find a way to recover global cooperation in the most compromising way so that all these complex challenges can be addressed, by developing solutions that connect with the beliefs and needs of every country in the created bond. Debate about the possible outcomes of all this, and stay intrigued by developing the most feasible options. The UN believes that delegates can find the most viable solution for this worldwide issue of great relevance. And remember, in your commitment lies the key to unlocking solutions and inspiring others. Your actions today shape the world of tomorrow.

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