

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR UN EXPERTS: COVID19 AND MULTILATERALISM

1. What are the key obstacles to a more effective, inclusive and networked multilateralism to handle the COVID-19 pandemic, in terms of both health response and economic recovery?
  - A. Territorial boundaries of national governments of individual countries;
  - B. Egoistic attitude of national leaders in interference of the internal matters of their their own countries;
  - C. Strong sense of nationationalism to allow external agency in their internal matters (in negative sense);
  - D. Resource allocation to multilateral agencies, particularly UN agencies to make strategic interventions during pandemic;
  - E. Power relations of multilateralism and national governments which are economically strong;
  - F. Powerless multilateralism and its structures;
  - G. Inequities between countries to access the support of multilateralism;
  - H. Discriminatory policies of some multilateral agencies towards few countries with conditionalities to promote economic growth;
  - I. Some profit oriented multilateral agencies do not worry about the economic growth of low income countries;
  - J. Ineffective and poor monitor monitor system to promote handle pandemic and promote economic growth equitably;
  
2. What are the solutions to overcome such obstacles in a fair and sustainable manner (including targeted reforms)?
  - A. Overcome from territorialism or national boundaries;
  - B. Adequate resource allocation to all the multilateral agencies;
  - C. Strengthening and promoting international cooperation with regard to combat pandemic and promoting economic growth in all the countries;
  - D. Empowering multilateral agencies with adequate power to deal with the situation;
  - E. To establish an effective monitoring mechanism in order to track the progress and remove obstacles;

F. To convince the national leaders to overcome from the sense of nationalism and accept international cooperation to deal with the situation;

3. What are your views on a new international treaty for pandemic preparedness and response?

There is a great need to negotiate for a new international treaty on pandemic preparedness and response. This will empower the multilateral agencies and mandate the national governments to implement the provisions enshrined in the treaty on the ground in letter and spirit so that it helps to deal with the situation and promote economic growth equally in all the countries regardless of income, particularly those in low income countries. This will help to promote international cooperation effectively to combat pandemic.

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