UNGA adopts ‘Global solidarity to fight the COVID-19’ resolution

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On April 3, 2020 the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopts a resolution—‘Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)’, co-sponsored by 188 nations including India.

Objective
To intensify international cooperation so as to mitigate & defeat the pandemic which includes exchange of information, scientific knowledge & best practices in accordance with the guidelines recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Key Points

i. It is the 1st document adopted by world organisation on the global pandemic

ii. It recognises the unprecedented effects of the pandemic which includes the severe disruption to societies & economies, to global travel and commerce, & the devastating impact on the livelihood of people.

iii. It also highlights the need for human rights and stressed that there is no room for discrimination, racism and xenophobia in response to the pandemic.

iv. The resolution is sponsored by Ghana, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Norway, Singapore and Switzerland.

v. The resolution was adopted under a silence procedure as the general Assembly is not holding meetings due to the pandemic.

About UNGA:
It is one of the 6 major elements of the United Nations (UN) to discuss and work together on international issues covered by the Charter of UN, such as development, peace and security, international law, etc. In total there are 193 member states.

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