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Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany

**CC: António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization**

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**Subject: PREVENTION OF THE PANDEMIC OF FEAR RELATED TO COVID-19, NEW PANDEMICS
AND THE TRANSITION FROM THE ERA OF HOMO SAPIENS TO THE ERA OF HOMO
HUMANUS**

Dear Ms. Chancellor,

The Humanistic Outlook Group (HOG), even back in December 2018, have addressed to the UN Secretary-General (letter № GA-1B-031 from 11.12.2018), predicting the emergence of the global crisis in the near future in the political, socio-economic and humanitarian fields. The HOG also proposed the programme to transform the era of Homo sapiens to the era of Homo humanus aiming to prevent the emergence of the crises threatening the entire humankind.

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With respect to the reply of the UN Secretary-General that “the Secretary-General does not act without the support of the Member States” and considering the emerging crisis, this April the HOG wrote to the leaders of 196 Member States of the UN proposing resolutions of problems arisen in the economic and social sphere as well as mental health of people. Once again, with the current hardships prevailing, the Humanistic Outlook Group is committed to reiterate its recommendations to overcome the existing crisis as well as to draw renewed attention towards the program for transition into the era of Homo humanus aiming to prevent the emergence of heavier global challenges in the future.

Contrary to the statement of the Director-General of the World Health Organization from 14.05.2020, the HOG believes that the main reason for the global psychological, social and economic crises is not the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Pandemic of Fear 2020, overwhelming the most of countries. Among many other factors, one of the main causes of the Pandemic of Fear is the technical and methodological errors made in the recommendations of World Health Organization dated by 25.03.2020 ("Emergency use of ICD codes for COVID-19 disease outbreak"), which provoked an appalling increase in global morbidity and mortality statistics, which were subsequently widely circulated by the media.

The technical and methodological errors in the WHO recommendations, in our opinion, consist in the fact that according to them even the cases in which laboratory examination neither confirmed the COVID-19 nor such examination was conducted at all are being recorded (assigning a COVID-19 code U07.2) in the list of infected and deceased from a novel coronavirus infection (Annex 1).

In order to avoid a further escalation of the crisis and to prevent new pandemics, forecasted by the Director-General of the World Health Organization on 1 May 2020 (Annex 2), the HOG considers it necessary to immediately remove the word "COVID-19" from the WHO recommendations "Emergency use of ICD codes for COVID-19 disease outbreak" for the following cases:

- a) if the cause of death is another disease
- b) if the laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 is inconclusive or not available
- c) if the laboratory confirmation is absent

It is also necessary to indicate the number of recoveries and medical histories of the deceased in the WHO "Situation reports of Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019)" in addition to the number of confirmed cases and deaths (Annex 3).

The current global crisis has shown that in order to prevent the emergence of new challenges threatening to humankind and to achieve the goals stipulated in the fundamental documents of the UN and other international organizations, the time has come to take practical steps to promote the transition to the era of Homo humanus. Primarily the urgent measures should be taken to reform international law, in particular the UN and WHO charters, as well as national legislation, which should provide for accountability and punishment of officials for actions that contribute to global crises.

Since their establishment (in 1946 and 1948) the UN and the WHO, despite tremendous efforts and enormous financial resources dedicated to them, have not been able to accomplish the goals stipulated by their own charters with regard to "to maintaining international peace and security", "solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character", or "attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health", considering that the situation in the world, instead of improving, keeps deteriorating every year.

Taking into account that the Humanistic Outlook Group's letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the UN in 11.12.2018 did not gain appropriate support while the forecasts contained in the letter regarding financial, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian crisis as well as the emergence of mass disturbances and rising crime levels on a global scale did become reality, the Humanistic Outlook Group, once again, expresses its willingness to present concrete recommendations for the coordinated action by all nations with the purpose of terminating the Pandemic of Fear 2020, preventing new pandemics, and proposing the programme for the transition from the era of Homo sapiens to the era of Homo humanus. The Humanistic Outlook Group believes that if the proposed reforms and practical steps are not initiated immediately, the situation in the world will deteriorate further and humanity will face even more severe global challenges in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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The Director-General of the Humanistic Outlook Group

Enclosed: Annex 1 - WHO, Emergency use ICD codes for COVID-19 disease outbreak
Annex 2 - WHO, News Release 1 May 2020
Annex 3 - WHO, Situation Report 146, 14 June 2020



Emergency use ICD codes for COVID-19 disease outbreak

The COVID-19 disease outbreak has been declared a public health emergency of international concern.

An emergency ICD-10 code of 'U07.1 COVID-19, virus identified' is assigned to a disease diagnosis of COVID-19 confirmed by laboratory testing.

An emergency ICD-10 code of 'U07.2 COVID-19, virus not identified' is assigned to a clinical or epidemiological diagnosis of COVID-19 where laboratory confirmation is inconclusive or not available.

Both U07.1 and U07.2 may be used for mortality coding as cause of death. See the International guidelines for certification and classification (coding) of COVID-19 as cause of death following the link below.

Annex 2 <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/01-05-2020-who-and-european-investment-bank-strengthen-efforts-to-combat-covid-19-and-build-resilient-health-systems-to-face-future-pandemics>

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1 May 2020 | News release

- WHO and the European Investment Bank enhance cooperation to support countries in addressing the health impact of COVID-19
- The first phase will address urgent needs and strengthen primary health care in ten African countries
- Enhanced WHO-EIB partnership will scale up financing to assure the chain of essential supplies, including personal protective equipment, diagnostics and clinical management
- New initiative will accelerate investment in health preparedness and primary health care with a focus on health



Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 146

Data as received by WHO from national authorities by 10:00 CEST, 14 June 2020

Highlights

The investigation of a cluster of COVID-19 in Beijing associated with a wholesale market continues. As of 14 June, 16:00 (CEST+6), Chinese authorities reported a total of 77 cases since 11 June, including 2 linked cases in Liaoning Province. See below for more information and [press statement](#) issued on 13 June.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day takes place every year on 15 June as designated by the United Nations General Assembly. [It is believed that abuse towards older people has risen significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic.](#) This makes a compelling case for [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day's](#) call for decision-makers to develop universally applicable normative standards for the protection of older people.

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Globally | 7 690 708 cases (137 526) | 427 630 deaths (4 281) |
| Africa | 167 566 cases (6 312) | 3 998 deaths (131) |
| Americas | 3 711 768 cases (73 243) | 199 252 deaths (2 812) |
| Eastern Mediterranean | 758 551 cases (20 910) | 16 640 deaths (380) |
| Europe | 2 398 779 cases (19 821) | 188 001 deaths (533) |
| South-East Asia | 455 439 cases (16 091) | 12 526 deaths (400) |
| Western Pacific | 197 864 cases (1 149) | 7 200 deaths (25) |