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## ***PUBLIC BUDGET INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION***

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***(ASIP)***

### **PROPOSAL TO FACE THE HEALTH EMERGENCY**

ASIP, in its capacity as a Multinational Organization of civil society member of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, together with their National Associations and member countries, reaches out to governments and international financial and political organizations, a set of considerations and suggestions that arise from its more than fifty years of experience in dealing with the most affected countries by the current health emergency.

First of all, it is worth praising the efforts made by health teams from all over the world, which put their lives at risk in order to work with different qualities of technological elements, impressing the world with their sacrifice.

It is inevitable, however, that the global health emergency will produce an abrupt change in the economic activities of most countries, impacting them differently depending on their level of development.

The health emergency is affecting the economic activity of nations, their inhabitants and states, and only a small number of developed countries have been able to inject funds to maintain activities and promote the well-being of citizens, while other countries are not in a position to do so.

Countries with fewer resources will also have to take different measures to alleviate the fragile and elementary balances of weak and unequal economies, but the costs of these decisions will lead to a fiscal crisis of unpredictable dimensions that could wreak chaos in society, even more so if the health emergency is prolonged.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the policies adopted by governments have a different impact on the most vulnerable population groups: children, the elderly and disabled, businesses, small and medium-sized industries, independent professionals, self-employed workers, etc. These groups are particularly affected because the isolation policies and the lack of demands for their activities have cut their sources of income and their situation has become dramatic.

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In addition to this, there is a high degree of social inequality in a large number of countries, where the efforts of poor people to leave behind the precariousness of their homes and the instability of their reduced productive activities, contrasts with the opulence of others.

Regarding this situation, ASIP considers that it is a moral duty to call for reflection and to coordinate forceful and effective actions to face the economic consequences of the fight against the pandemic.

Made these considerations, the ASIP

#### RECOMMENDS:

- 1) That all countries must carry out forceful actions together to mitigate the economic and specifically fiscal crisis that they are undergoing given the current situation given the current state of the world.
- 2) That developed countries and international credit organizations take an active attitude to mobilize financial resources in order to help emerging countries and those of lower economic rank that are being seriously affected by the health emergency.
- 3) To support the request made by the World Bank for a Global Humanitarian Fund to normalize fiscal situations highly compromised by the health emergency.
- 4) To establish in each country a National Humanitarian Fund that accepts donations and private and public contributions to carry out actions aimed to alleviate the health and social emergency, in parallel with the contributions and actions of the government and international financial and political organizations.
- 5) To invite citizens and companies in each country, calling on their patriotism, to make voluntary contributions to the fund up to their possible extents.
- 6) To integrate into each country an Advisory Committee constituted by prominent personalities from the civil society who are respected by their fellow citizens with the aim of collaborating with governments in the task of offering moral and material guarantees regarding the correct application of the National Humanitarian Fund.

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7) The Advisory Committees request the ASIP to audit the administration of the funds mentions above, a task that will be carried out free of cost.

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