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Question: Bioethics, transhumanism, vaccinations : towards a New Deal for global health ?

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Singapore, a city-state intersecting bioethics, transhumanism, and vaccination policies, strongly supports the need for a “New Deal” in global health, given its strong healthcare system and advantageous location in Southeast Asia. Singapore recognizes the issues these domains provide and supports strategies that give national interests and international cooperation equal weight.

Singapore has long been a leading example in global health cooperation, as shown by our long-lasting membership in the World Health Organization (WHO) and our strong support to the Universal Health Coverage Program (UHC). Our country's policies have kept the important values of the WHO Constitution within them, which shows the need of worldwide cooperation to achieve health equality and the right to health. Singapore's fast and effective reaction to the pandemic of COVID-19 was conducted thanks to international alliances, which gave us possibilities of exchanging data, resources, and knowledge at a global scale. This shows Singapore's dedication to a public health and its commitment to the well-being of all its and other countries' people.

Human enhancements present various serious ethical issues as well as possible medical benefits. Although biotechnology and AI can improve our day to day lives as well as our health, they can also create controversies as to what it is to be human. Singapore feels that stricter laws and guidelines need to be created within the UN, because National Laws have not been able to stop genetic tinkering. These kinds of steps are necessary to guarantee that the worlds scientific progress respects moral limits and puts everyone's welfare first.

Singapore's involvement with PPPs (Public Private Partnerships) is essential in improving the supply of healthcare. For example, the partnership with pharmaceutical companies and some research centers has expedited the production and distribution of vaccinees in health emergencies like the corona virus back in 2020.

Singapore's vaccination success has been due to a strong reliance on public trust and confidence, as well as on informed consent. This has enabled Singapore to have high vaccination rates while still having maintained ethical methods.

We therefore support a comprehensive New Deal for Global Health that will prioritize ethical standards, global collaboration, and a fair and equal access to a wide range of medical care. To reinforce Singapore's position as one of the global forerunners in health equality and sustainability, we are focused and dedicated to work with several partners all over the world to address and handle these urgent health and moral concerns.