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As France plays a major role in global health, we believe that our influence is a must in order to secure a new deal that will guarantee the safety of the people. France recognizes that over the past decades, there has been a surge in the development of technologies such as AI and robotics as well as an uprising in transhumanist ideologies. Because of this, France urges that a new deal is established to ensure that safety and traditional values of a human are prioritized over the reckless development of AI that could pose major risks in the future.

Seeing as the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human rights was signed in Paris, France strongly stands by the fact that welfare and freedom are to be prioritized over advances in science and technology. In the field of AI, CRISPR-Cas systems pose a major threat because although it is intended for curing diseases, it (and other CRISPR systems) is capable of any sort of gene editing which could have unpredictable effects on generations to come. France urges to establish complete transparency and safety of the people when aiming to develop AI systems such as all AI being transparent and the requirement of long testing processes to ensure there are no faults in any programs.

Another worry of France is the rise of Biohacking and the dangers of unprofessional or even criminal use of these AI (or other technological) programs that could pose a major threat to the safety of the people. Because of this, Frances aims to establish ethical borders to prevent biohacking and especially 'bioterrorism'. This can be done through the requirement for a license in order to use certain biological technologies, allowing the government to have full regulation onto any labs. Furthermore, anybody wishing to collaborate or share resources will need to be thoroughly checked to make sure biohacking is not present.

In the topic of vaccinations, although France has largely severed relationships with African nations, we still aim to provide funding to countries with less resources and to the development of messenger RNA vaccines that are able to quickly aid people around the globe. These actions are part of France's contribution to the Immunization Agenda 2030. France also aims to establish partnerships with other countries in order to achieve the goals of global health and wellbeing.

In terms of collaboration, France welcomes any nations to share resources to achieve the IA2030. In the past, we have yearly contributed millions of vaccines to initiatives such as COVAX, and we still aim to do so in present goals such as GAVI. Unfortunately, it is not in the power of France to disclose technological information to other nations. However, this does not mean that collaboration to create and innovate new forms of technology to tackle global illnesses is not off the table.

To conclude, France prioritizes safety and regulation over technology and innovation, we value the fundamentals of what makes us human and therefore heavily discourages advancements in transhumanism. Because of this, France finds that it is the number one priority to establish a new deal that ensures that technology is used ethically and safely to prevent biohacking. However, in terms of vaccinations, we aim to stick to WHO agendas and hope to create a globally safe and healthy environment and therefore are open to collaboration if it means medical innovation.