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**WORLD-WIDE RESPONSES DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE STATE AND SOCIETY**

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 COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the last of recently opened coronaviruses, which developed in December, 2019 (Wuhan, China).The disease can be transmitted by air-drop means in close (less than 1 meter) contact. Also when interacting with contaminated objects.The vaccine against this virus has not been developed yet. Only symptom treatment is carried out.

 WHO recognized the spread of COVID-19 by the pandemic on 11 March 2020.

At the moment (10.04.2020) - the problem affected more than 220 countries and the government of each of them has introduced its own isolation measures.

 We have made a decision - to compare the foundations of certain countries, that is: China's totalitarian approach and Italy 's liberal approach. Also, to put forward our view on the vector of development of quarantine measures in Ukraine.

**CHINA**

Current coronavirus statistics as of 10.04.2020

* Total cost 81 907
* Fatal cases 3,336
* Recovered 77,455
* Now 1 116 are sick - and critical cases of them 144

 China's government reacted instantly to the threat. At first, all borders were closed in Wuhan, later throughout the country. In short periods of time, all mass events were cancelled,

 Universities were isolated to the entrance and exit. Schools and kindergartens were also closed. Since January 30, entry to dormitories and public places has been prohibited. Access to housing complexes was made only if a registration document was available. The PRC authorities have established GPS tracking of mobile devices of residents of the most infected territories.

 As a result of the pandemic in the PRC, 17 cities with a total population of 56 million people are actually under quarantine. The strict quarantine introduced in the Chinese city of Wuhan at the very beginning of the pandemic of the new virus prevented up to 700,000 cases of infection and significantly slowed down the spread of the infection.

**ITALY**

Current coronavirus statistics as of 10.04.2020

* Total cost 143626
* Fatal cases 18279
* Recovered 28470
* Now 96877 are sick - and critical cases of them 3605

 Precautions were taken late enough when the number of infected people crossed the border of 1000 in 24 hours. Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte ordered that all enterprises not related to the comfort of life in the country be quarantined. Supermarkets, pharmacies, post offices and banks, public transport continued to operate.

 During a television address to the nation, Conte noted that "we are slowing down the production of the country 's engine, but we are not stopping it." On 9 March 2020, Italy took stronger measures to prevent the spread of the infection. These include general travel restrictions, prohibition of public events, closure of schools and public places, and suspension of religious events including funerals and weddings.

 From statistics, it can be concluded that Italy 's restrictive measures have not been sufficient to contain the spread of the virus. Especially, given that the peak of infection has not yet passed and the number of confirmed cases and deaths is growing too fast.

**UKRAINE**

Current coronavirus statistics as of 10.04.2020

* Total cost 2203
* Fatal cases 69
* Recovered 61
* Now 2073 are sick - and critical cases of them 33

 Ukraine took the problem of the spread of COVID-19 very seriously. The borders were closed instantly. But large-scale campaigns have been carried out for citizens left outside them to return home. Since 12 March, all educational institutions have been placed in remote mode.

 Long-distance public transport was discontinued from 17 March and strict rules were established regarding the operation of urban transport. All public places and establishments were also suspended.

 At the moment, Ukraine has introduced tightened quarantine measures, in the form of wearing a protective mask at any exit to the street, limiting the number of people nearby (not more than 2). Fines from 17 to 34 thousand UAH have been introduced for violation of quarantine rules.

 Even in spite of such measures, the number of infected is increasing every day. Such statistics are likely to be due to the negligent attitude of citizens towards the implementation of the established rules.

 At this stage, the situation in Ukraine is very unstable. Doctors predict the peak of morbidity as of April 14-15, 2020. World practice shows that timely anti-epidemic measures, in particular quarantine ones, are quite effective in combating COVID-19.

 But the experience of the above-mentioned countries gives us reason to believe that this virus is too dangerous and little studied, so all the measures applied do not isolate the spread of infection, but only constrain the rate of morbidity.

 In order to protect themselves and their loved ones, we ask you to be responsible and comply with the conditions of quarantine.

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