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## EDITORIAL

### **Omicron Crisis Shows Why We Need a World Health System, as Helga Zepp-LaRouche Called For**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—The World Health Organization met urgently today to issue a new technical brief for its 194 member states on the Omicron

variant of the coronavirus, as the number of countries around the world with reported cases continued to grow. The WHO stated that it will still be two weeks or so until sufficient evidence is gathered to reach solid conclusions about Omicron, but as of now what can be said is that “there could be future surges of COVID-19, which could have severe consequences, depending on a number of factors including where surges may take place. The overall global risk related to the new VOC [variant of concern] Omicron is assessed as very high,” the UN health agency said.

More bluntly, WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told the meeting of members: “Omicron demonstrates just why the world needs a new accord on pandemics.” Also addressing the meeting, Richard Hatchett, a scientist and CEO of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), a foundation that funds vaccine development, said that Omicron’s emergence had fulfilled predictions that transmission of the virus in areas with low vaccination rates would speed its evolution. “The inequity that has characterized the global response has now come home to roost,” he told the talks, noting that Botswana and South Africa had fully vaccinated less than a quarter of their populations.

Full vaccination of every nation’s population is urgently necessary, but it is only one component of a planetary defense against the current pandemic, and possible future ones, that must now be put in place in short order. That requires an international crash program to build modern health systems in every country, along with the full-set human and physical infrastructure needed to make that possible—from energy, to water, to food, to modern transport, to the education and training of skilled professionals. This is the core of the proposal first issued by Schiller Institute founder and Chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche when the pandemic first emerged, and has since been taken up by the Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites and its co-founder, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders.

Over a dozen countries are now reporting Omicron cases, and three countries—Japan, Israel and Morocco—have shut down all international

travel into their countries. The U.S. today joined most European nations in putting in place controversial prohibitions of air travel from Southern African nations. Omicron's existence was first reported less than a week ago, on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday November 30, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## COVID 19

### **As Omicron Rears Its Ugly Head in Africa, China Promises Greater Assistance**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—The two-day summit meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) opened in Senegal on Nov. 29 and was addressed by video by Chinese President [Xi Jinping](#). “Over the past three years and more, China and Africa have worked together to fully implement the eight major initiatives and other outcomes of the Beijing Summit, and completed a large number of priority cooperation projects,” Xi said. “China-Africa trade and China’s investment in Africa have been on a steady rise. Almost all African members of FOCAC have joined the big family of Belt and Road cooperation. All these have injected strong impetus into the China-Africa comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership.”

He began with the imminent need for aid in the pandemic. “To help the AU [African Union] achieve its goal of vaccinating 60% of the African population by 2022, I announce that China will provide another 1 billion doses of vaccines to Africa, including 600 million doses as donation and 400 million doses to be provided through such means as joint production by Chinese companies and relevant African countries. In addition, China will undertake 10 medical and health projects for African countries, and send 1,500 medical personnel and public health experts to Africa.”

Second in importance was the need for increasing agricultural production and productivity, Xi said: “China will undertake 10 poverty reduction and agricultural projects for Africa, and send 500 agricultural experts to Africa. China will set up a number of China-Africa joint centers for modern agrotechnology exchange, demonstration and training in China, encourage Chinese institutions and companies to build in Africa demonstration villages for China-Africa cooperation on agricultural development and poverty reduction, and support the Alliance of Chinese Companies in Africa for Corporate Social Responsibilities in launching the initiative of ‘100 Companies in 1,000 Villages.’ ”

He said that China will open “green lanes” for African agricultural exports to China, speed up the inspection and quarantine procedures, and further increase the scope of products enjoying zero-tariff treatment for the least developed countries (LDCs) having diplomatic relations with China, in a bid to reach \$300 billion in total imports from Africa in the next three years.

Then he turned to the industrialization program: “China will encourage its businesses to invest no less than 10 billion US dollars in Africa in the next three years, and will establish a platform for China-Africa private investment promotion. China will undertake 10 industrialization and employment promotion projects for Africa, provide credit facilities of \$10 billion to African financial institutions, support the development of African SMEs on a priority basis, and establish a China-Africa cross-border RMB center. China will exempt African LDCs from debt incurred in the form of interest-free Chinese government loans due by the end of 2021. China is ready to channel to African countries \$10 billion from its share of the IMF’s new allocation of Special Drawing Rights.”

The Digital Economy has also become a new element in the China-Africa cooperation. “China will undertake 10 digital economy projects for Africa, set up centers for China-Africa cooperation on satellite remote-sensing application, and support the development of China-Africa joint laboratories, partner institutes, and scientific and technological innovation

cooperation bases. China will work with African countries to expand Silk Road e-commerce cooperation, hold online shopping festivals featuring quality African products and tourism e-commerce promotion activities, and launch a campaign to market 100 African stores and 1,000 African products on e-commerce platforms,” Xi said.

In addition, China will help Africa build or upgrade 10 schools, and will invite 10,000 high-level African professionals to participate in seminars and workshops. “We will implement ‘Future of Africa—a project for China-Africa cooperation on vocational education,’ and start an employment ‘through train’ scheme for African students in China. China will continue to work with African countries to set up ‘Luban Workshops,’ and encourage Chinese companies in Africa to create at least 800,000 local jobs.”

Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is attending the Dakar, Senegal conference in person, is also meeting personally with many of the African foreign ministers. He announced that with the agreements made in 2018, some 85% of the initiatives set up at that time have been implemented and 70% of the \$60 billion promised has been disbursed or earmarked.

### **Fauci Tells Sunday Talk Show, It’s Science That Is Under Attack**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—In remarks to CBS’s “Face the Nation” show yesterday, Dr. Anthony Fauci of the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) responded to a question about the many threats he continues to receive. He described them as noise, and then explained:

“So it’s easy to criticize, but they’re really criticizing science because I represent science. That’s dangerous. To me, that’s more dangerous than the slings and the arrows that get thrown at me,” he continued. “I’m not going to be around here forever, but science is going to be here forever. And if you damage science, you are doing something very detrimental to society long after I leave. And that’s what I worry about.”

Fauci, like most competent authorities worldwide, is pushing for more people to be vaccinated. “If ever there was a reason for unvaccinated

people to get vaccinated and for those who have been vaccinated, when your time comes up, to go and get a booster shot.” Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health in the United States, told CNN’s “State of the Union” on Sunday that it is too early to know for sure about Omicron, but “I do think it’s more contagious when you look at how rapidly it spread through multiple districts in South Africa. It has the earmarks therefore of being particularly likely to spread from one person to another. ... What we don’t know is whether it can compete with delta.”

### **No ‘Springtime in South Africa,’ as Country Faces Fourth Wave**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—Despite what it says on the calendar, South Africans are not feeling the relief from the winter which they had desperately hoped for. Having endured the brunt of the pandemic’s first three waves on the continent—including the onset of the “South Africa” variant, then the “Delta” variant from India—the war-weary South Africans will soon be facing another surge in virus cases, according to a locally developed method of analysis of residential wastewater effluent, which has proven accurate in the past.

Furthermore, as reported in the Nov. 29 *Washington Post*, South African hospitals are experiencing a sudden surge in very young admissions. According to reports from urban Gauteng Province, “between Nov. 14 and 28, the age group with the highest total number of hospital admissions for COVID were those under the age of 2,” writes the *Post*. “During those two weeks 62 under-2-year-olds were admitted compared with 42 admissions for the ages 30 to 32,” a 50% increase. While further work remains to be done, early analysis points to the Omicron variant as the cause.

The country is additionally facing the onset of a mental health crisis, according to an editorial in the Nov. 5 issue of the *South African Medical Journal*, brought about by isolation and desperation of the COVID lockdowns. Editor Bridget Farhan writes: “On 10 October 2021, the South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) released a shocking set of figures. Between January and September 2021, SADAG received 466,607 calls, a staggering 47% increase on the same period in 2020. The

suicide helpline alone received 85,516 calls in the past 9 months—more than 2 000 calls a day.”

### **New Chinese Study Shows ‘Open-Up’ Strategies Could Produce ‘Colossal Outbreak’ in China**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—The *Times of India* reports on a new study published in *China CDC Weekly* by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, authored by Beijing University mathematicians, which forecasts what would happen if China prematurely “opened up”: “The estimates revealed the real possibility of a colossal outbreak which would almost certainly induce an unaffordable burden to the medical system. Our findings have raised a clear warning that, for the time being, we are not ready to embrace ‘open-up’ strategies resting solely on the hypothesis of herd immunity induced by vaccination advocated by certain Western countries,” the study said.

“While vaccination has been proved to significantly reduce the development of severe symptoms after infection from the original and mutated strain of the virus, the emergence of new mutated strains would potentially disrupt such protection,” the study said. The authors report that 77% of China’s 1.4 billion people are now vaccinated.

### **Swiss Voters Back Legislation To Require Vax Certificates To Attend Public Events**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—A strong 62% of Swiss voters came out on Sunday, Nov. 28 to vote in favor of a ballot initiative about requiring vaccination certificates for everyone attending public events. There was an unusually large turnout of 66%. The vote was being watched Europe-wide as a measure of popular sentiment on these matters. Switzerland’s vaccination rate is similar to the rest of Western Europe—about two-thirds of the eligible population.

### **French Researchers Argue for Lifting Patents on Vaccines**

Paris, Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—In May 2021, during a Paris summit on Africa, French President Emmanuel Macron, in a remarkable stroke of unusual

wisdom, warned “that failing to vaccinate Africans risked allowing potentially dangerous Covid-19 variants to emerge on the continent that then could spread around the world.” And the French President even staked out an aim of vaccinating 40% of people in Africa by the end of 2021. Today, only 5 African countries—less than 10% of the continent’s 54 nations—will reach the year-end goal of fully vaccinating 40% of their populations, unless efforts are made to accelerate the pace, warned the World Health Organization (WHO) in late October.

Macron also said at that time: “We are asking the WHO, the WTO and the Medicines Patent Pool to remove all these constraints in terms of intellectual property which blocks the production of certain types of vaccines.” Both India and South Africa have formally made this request to the World Trade Organization (WTO). This week, U.S. President Joe Biden also called on countries attending a WTO meeting next week to waive intellectual property protections on coronavirus vaccines. Biden even declared that the new discovery of the Omicron variant demonstrates that the pandemic will not end until the entire world has equal access to vaccines.

Several researchers, on the website of the French Institut National de Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM), argue for such a decision: “The suspension of patents could encourage the transfer of production technology to developing countries and consolidate their autonomy, in view of a future pandemic.”

Maurice Cassier, a sociologist at the Centre de Recherche Médecine, Sciences, Santé, Santé Mentale Et Société (Cermes3) in the Paris suburb of Villejuif, asserted: “the lifting of patents would not only bring down the price of vaccines, but also strengthen vaccine technologies worldwide. There are precedents for this: In 2007, Brazil lifted the patents on efavirenz, an HIV antiretroviral [brand name, Sustiva]. Brazilian manufacturers were able to produce the drug and prices fell by 54%. We have the legal and technical tools to organize distribution and technology transfer. Indeed, the lifting of patents is a provision of international intellectual property law and

is reflected in the national laws of WTO countries. To trigger it at the international level, the WTO must issue an opinion to this effect, and the G7 or the G20 must declare their willingness to launch this procedure. If they so wish, in theory, governments can regain control over the use of patents, and therefore over the production and distribution of vaccines.”

The counter-argument is that it would hinder new breakthroughs, but Cassier argues: “Industrialists fear that this will slow down private investors. However, they have benefitted from public contributions on an unprecedented scale to develop these vaccines: sharing the exploitation rights would therefore be legitimate. I think that financially lifting patents would have little effect on the owners of the vaccines, notably Pfizer and Moderna, which have acquired a considerable technological lead. The emergence of variants will weigh in the balance: countries will want to regain control of the epidemic by massively vaccinating on a global scale.”

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Kiev’s Foreign Minister Says Ukraine Getting a ‘Deterrence Package’ That Will Prevent Alleged Russian Invasion**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—The Kiev regime continued to do its part in whipping up anti-Russian hysteria yesterday, with an interview of the regime’s Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba published by *Die Zeit*’s English-language website yesterday. He said that whether the alleged Russian threat “will be turned into real military action depends on two factors: the resilience of Ukraine and the support extended to Ukraine by its partners. Our goal now is to prevent the situation from further deterioration.” He claimed that Russia’s one goal since 2014 has been “the destabilization of Ukraine and other European countries to force them into accepting Russia’s understanding of how international relations should be structured. It’s military aggression combined with disinformation and attempts to trigger domestic instability. There is no need to ask ourselves the question ‘why now?’ When they see an opportunity, they immediately try to grab it.”

Kuleba claimed that the support that Ukraine is getting from the West is much more than words. “We call it a deterrence package, and this deterrence package consists of three elements,” he said. “The first one is clear political messaging, which is already happening. The second is a set of sanctions or restrictive measures. Russia knows that the West is preparing sanctions, and Moscow will think twice about whether they are ready to pay this price. The third is military support. I categorically reject the idea that arming Ukraine is akin to igniting the conflict. Russia wants Ukraine to remain weak, therefore, those who reject cooperation with us in military and defense are strengthening Russia’s position.”

Kuleba also claimed that the regime has no intention of resolving the Donbas conflict by military force. “Some countries unfortunately lean toward the Russian narrative that Ukraine should not be armed because it allegedly emboldens us or encourages us for some kind of military action. This is all utter nonsense,” he said. “We have not attacked anyone and we do not have any intention of solving the problem in Donbas in a military way.” The residents of Donetsk and other areas along the line of contact who have endured years of shelling by the Ukrainian side might have a different view of things.

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov reiterated yesterday that Russia has no plans to invade anyone and that the allegations “that it is behaving aggressively are absolutely groundless and wrong,” in response to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s demand, issued on Nov. 26, that Russian President Vladimir Putin “must say it publicly” that Russia has no plans to attack Ukraine. “Russia has never hatched, is not hatching and will never hatch any plans to attack anyone,” Peskov stressed. “Russia is a peaceful country, which is interested in good relations with its neighbors.”

“We are afraid, and we have already said this, that these allegations might be meant to hide [Ukraine’s] own preparations for a force scenario in Donbas. It would be utter recklessness,” he said. He reported that the anti-Russian hysteria fanned by U.S., British and Ukrainian mass media, and Zelenskyy is inadmissible. “We think that this hysteria, which is being

whipped up in the U.S. and British media, in the Ukrainian mass media and is supported by Ukrainian politicians, including the head of state, is absolutely inadmissible,” he said.

### **Development of Russia’s Tsirkon Hypersonic Missile Advances**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—The Russian Defense Ministry announced this morning the second flight test in two weeks of the Tsirkon hypersonic missile fired from the frigate *Admiral Gorshkov*. “The shooting was carried out from the waters of the White Sea at a marine target position located at a distance of more than 400 kilometers,” the ministry said in a statement. “According to objective control data, the flight of the hypersonic missile corresponded to the specified parameters. Firing from the frigate *Admiral Gorshkov* was recognized as successful, the target was hit.” The test two weeks ago was also launched from the *Admiral Gorshkov*. The ministry’s report was accompanied by a dramatic photograph of the test.

This latest successful test followed a report in TASS on Nov. 26 that production of the Tsirkon had begun at the Military-Industrial Corporation Research and Industrial Association of Machine Building (MIC NPO Mashinostroyenia) outside of Moscow. “A serial production of Tsirkon missiles is underway at the NPO Mashinostroyenia, although state trials of this product’s surface launches will continue,” a source “close to the situation” said. Today’s flight test was one of a series of five launches planned for the state trials that will run through December.

### **Iranian Nuclear Negotiator Unambiguously States Iran’s Objectives in Nuclear Talks**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—The seventh round of negotiations on restoring the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, convened today in Vienna. The U.S. delegation, led by Presidential envoy for Iran Robert Malley, won’t be meeting face to face with the Iranian delegation, but rather indirectly through mediators from the other parties, of the original P5 plus Germany, to the agreement.

However, there should be no doubt as to what Iran seeks to accomplish at the talks. Ali Bagheri Kani, Iran's lead nuclear negotiator, laid out Iran's objectives for the talks in an authoritative and unambiguous statement published as an op-ed yesterday in the *Financial Times*. Iran's first goal, he said, "is to gain a full, guaranteed and verifiable removal of the sanctions that have been imposed on the Iranian people. Without this, the process will continue indefinitely. 'Negotiations' without an airtight solution benefit no one.

"The second is to facilitate the legal rights of the Iranian nation to benefit from peaceful nuclear knowledge, especially the all-important enrichment technology for industrial purposes, according to the terms of the international Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)."

Otherwise, Bagheri Kani went into some detail as to why there's so little trust between the U.S. and its allies on the one side and Iran on the other. "Previous attempts to close the 'trust gap' between parties of the nuclear talks have failed mainly because the West regards any agreement solely as an established platform from which to launch more pressure against Iran," he wrote.

"Experience tells us that the West does not seek to implement a deal. Rather, it seeks to score public perception points by announcing one while stealthily 'dis-implementing' the agreement in every possible way," Bagheri Kani continued. "From our experience, this is followed by actions to 'hijack' the JCPOA platform to force Iran to make more concessions in areas unrelated to the nuclear issue. As a result, the Iranian people trust neither the process, nor its outcome."

This is not just attributable to President Donald Trump's 2018 withdrawal from the agreement, Bagheri Kani stressed. "Constant U.S. efforts to deny Iran any economic benefits for reducing its nuclear activities are why many once-passionate Iranian defenders of the agreement have now changed their minds: they no longer trust either its tangible benefits or its intent," he said. "Donald Trump merely removed the velvet gloves from the cast-iron hand of the previous U.S. administration."

“From our viewpoint, past blunders should not be repeated,” Bagheri Kani went on. “We have all, respectively, learned over the past six years what and who can be trusted. To ensure any forthcoming agreement is ironclad, the West needs to pay a price for having failed to uphold its part of the bargain. As in any business, a deal is a deal, and breaking it has consequences.”

“In order to secure the rights and interests of our nation, we are ready for a fair and careful discussion, based on the principles of ‘guarantee’ and ‘verification.’ This must prioritize compensation for the violation of the deal, which includes the removal of all post-JCPOA sanctions,” he concluded. “In return, Iran is ready to voluntarily fulfill its nuclear commitments in accordance with the agreement. We remain prepared to react proportionately to any pressure and reciprocate any goodwill gesture.”

## SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### **China’s New Space Nuclear Reactor Might Be 100 Times More Powerful Than NASA’s**

Nov. 29 (EIRNS)—*South China Morning Post* reports that Chinese researchers think that chemical fuel and solar panels will no longer be enough to meet the demands of human space exploration. China is developing a powerful nuclear reactor for its Moon and Mars missions. According to researchers involved in the project, the reactor can generate 1 MW of electric power, 100 times more powerful than a similar device NASA plans to put on the surface of the Moon by 2030.

Although technical details and the launch date were not revealed, apparently the engineering design of a prototype machine was completed recently and some critical components built.