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The United Nations and the COVID-19 Global Emergency

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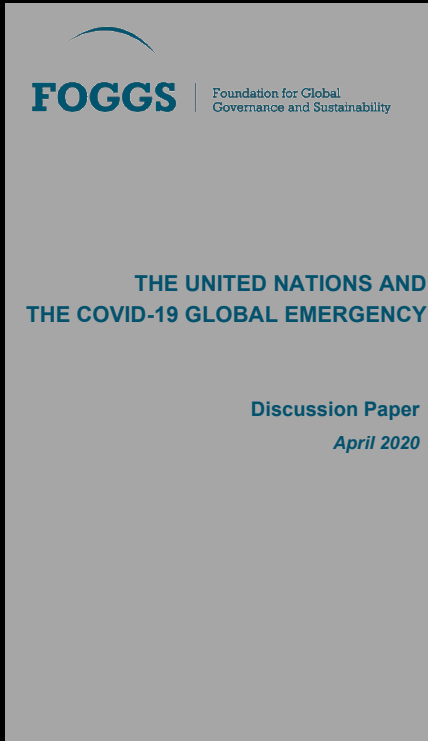
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Key observations on the UN system's response to COVID-19

- Although a global challenge, COVID-19 mainly tackled at the national and subnational level
- It took a while for the UN system, beyond WHO, to start responding visibly to COVID-19
- Even when the UN became more active a lot of the activity was asking others to do things, not delivering directly
- Increased concerns that the UN may not be fully reopened even when COVID-19 measures end
- Secretary-General's "recover better" / "build back better" call could lead to concrete proposals for post-COVID-19

Recommendations for a more robust UN response

- 1. Convene the world**
- 2. Provide vision**
- 3. Summon the UN system "troops" and plan strategically**
- 4. Deploy as One at the country level**
- 5. Members states, get back to action**
- 6. Bring in the experts**
- 7. Monitor the state of the world**
- 8. A "health-keeping force"**

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UN SYSTEM



A NARRATIVE OF HOPE, RESILIENCE AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

- I.1. A new economy for people and planet
- I.2. Keeping an eye on the state of the world
- I.3. Health as a global public good
- I.4. A resilient and equitable economic system as a global public good
- I.5. Cyberspace as a global commons

CONVENING THE WORLD

- II.1. Emergency (online) summit of world leaders
- II.2. Convening global expertise
- II.3. Convening the UN system
- II.4. Activation of the intergovernmental bodies

SUPPORTING COUNTRIES AND VULNERABLE GROUPS

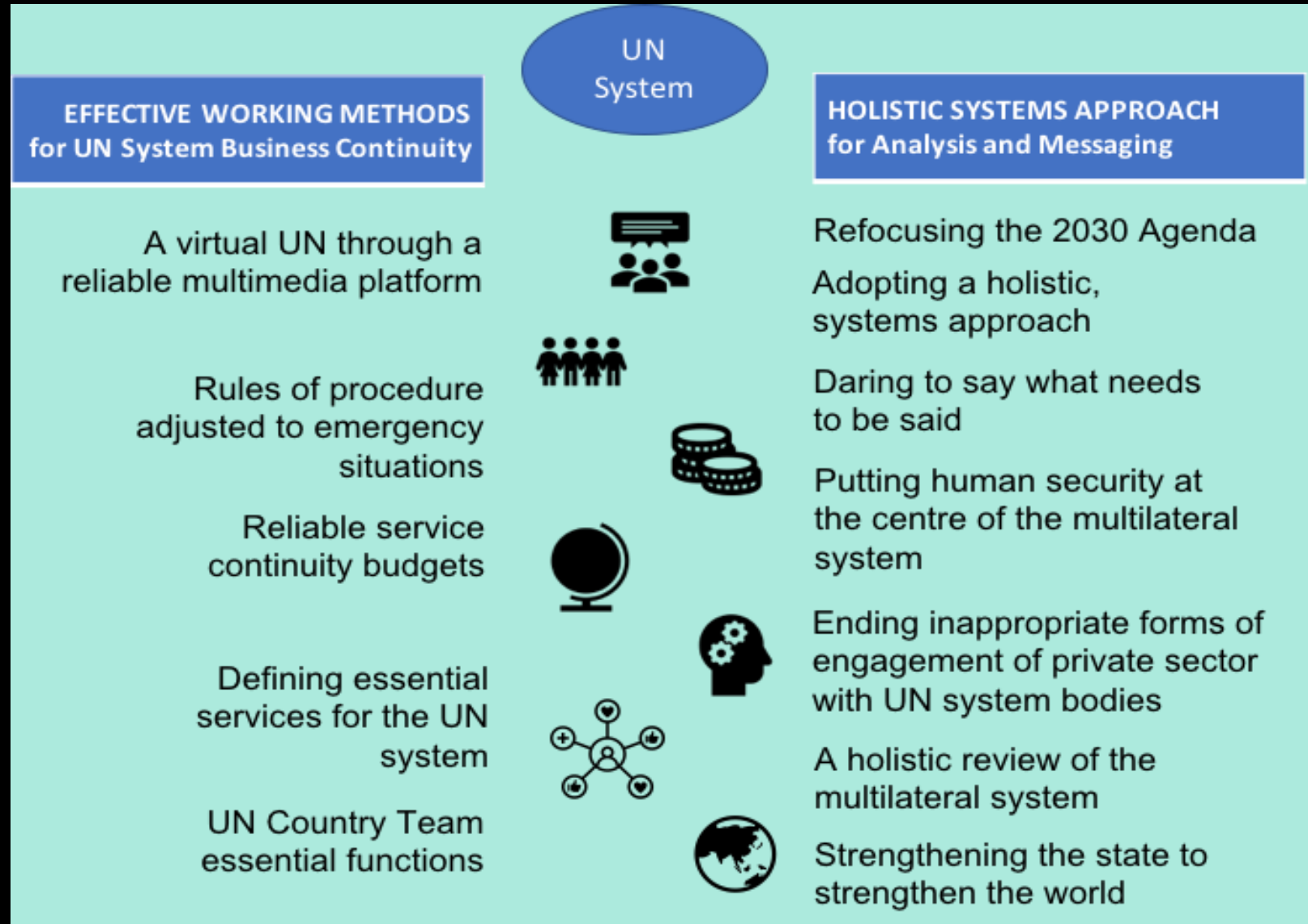
- III.1. Country recovery plans
- III.2. Country recovery funding
- III.3. Support to vulnerable groups and conflict zones

RE-ASSERTING THE UN SYSTEM AS A LEADER IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

- IV.1. Identification of core UN functions for emergency fall-back
- IV.2. Conveying a better UN message better
- IV.3. New sources of finance for the UN?

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KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

**NEW
NARRATIVE
for
BUILDING
BACK
BETTER**

**HEALTH AND THE ECONOMY
as
PUBLIC GOODS**

**CONVENING THE UN
SYSTEM and
CONVENING THE WORLD**

**REFOCUSING
THE 2030
AGENDA**

**DEFINING
ESSENTIAL SERVICES
FOR THE UN SYSTEM**

**A VIRTUAL UN
with adjusted
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**PUTTING HUMAN
SECURITY AT THE
CENTRE**

**STRENGTHENING THE STATE
to
STRENGTHEN THE WORLD**

**RELIABLE SERVICE
CONTINUITY BUDGETS**

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