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was no longer appropriate. There was a need for a **UHDOLVWL F DOWNSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH** concerns within the broader context of greater efficiency and innovation and with **WK H** economy.

- x Support system-wide approaches and discourage single issue approaches.
- x Be prepared to support South- South learning.
- x Consider global health in all policies.
- x Push for stronger and better delivery of MDGs and a renewal that recognises that health is created outside as well as within the health sector.
- x Finance effective research on diseases prevention in low-income countries, and approaches which work in low-income countries.
- x Support actions on NCDs, especially in terms of lifestyle risk and balance with trade interests.
- x Provide leadership in protecting from health threats (the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC, should work closely with similar bodies for global surveillance)
- x Support health systems and not vertical programmes
- x Focus on accessibility, affordability, and availability of medicines and medical interventions ± Health for All.

Chris Brookes considered that, hitherto, EU action on global health has been weak and it was necessary to fund and resource a global health team adequately to manage an EU programme of work.

interest among health officials in France to accommodate the desire of employees to participate in volunteering. For John Wyn Owen , one important aspect was the interaction of health care and social care, with the latter (often unpaid) lowering the pressure on health care systems. Other audience comments included the observations that more could be invested in informal care internationally; that volunteering presented management challenges and often created a very high emotional strain on the volunteer that was poorly recognized or supported, as well as potentially JHQUHDWLQJ μFDUH JDSV¶ LQ WKH VRXUFH FRXQWU\ 6RPH YROXQV undertaken by the unemployed and job-

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John Wyn Owen thanked Andrew Jack for moderating the discussions and the panellists and audience for their contributions. His final comment, in the aftermath of the sovereign debt crisis and the Eurozone crisis, was to wonder how much solidarity there really was in the Eurozone.

Concluding remarks

