

Open Statement to the European Union and its Member States

At the World Trade Organisation, leaders have an opportunity to set in motion an end to this pandemic, to open the gates to global production of Covid-19 vaccines, tests and treatments by temporarily waiving intellectual property rules on these lifesaving tools. Shamefully, however, the European Union is working to keep the gate firmly shut, locking urgently needed protections out of reach for the world's poorest. The identification of the new variant of concern - Omicron - only heightens the urgency of a change in approach and is evidence of why the European Union's position is a threat to us all.

The EU's reported position is to ignore the pleas of developing countries, the World Health Organisation, Nobel laureates and religious leaders, former heads of state, legal experts, and civil society, dogmatically defending a status quo that has actively hindered global vaccination, testing and treatment efforts. It would senselessly surrender the world to a prolonged pandemic and must be reconsidered.

The EU's reported position is not a compromise position. It is a counter-productive distraction that will do nothing to address today's global production and supply divide of lifesaving Covid-19 vaccines, tests and treatments. In fact, it actively reinforces some of the most problematic elements of the TRIPS agreement that are preventing countries from exercising existing compulsory licensing flexibilities.

The sole purpose of EU's position is to shift the blame for WTO's inability to resolve this crisis from rich nations to developing and least developed countries; to make the victims of vaccine apartheid seem like the culprits.

The TRIPS agreement has created an artificial supply shortage of urgently needed vaccines, tests and treatment, leading to countless preventable deaths. We call on the EU to stop blocking and start engaging with the TRIPS waiver proposal as presented by its co-sponsors. History will not forgive nor forget those who choose to uphold a broken system over ending the pandemic.

Signed

Organisation Name	Location (country name, region or say global)
People's Vaccine Kenya	Kenya
Medact	UK
European Citizens' Initiative No Profit on Pandemic - Right to Cure	European Union
BARAC UK	UK

Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)	Global
IFARMA Foundation	Colombia. Latin America.
Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)	European Union
STOPAIDS	UK
Health Poverty Action	Global
Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale (AFEM)	European Union
Health GAP (Global Access Project)	Global
Oxfam	Global
ActionAid International	Global
People's Vaccine Alliance - Asia	Asia
UNI Global Union	Global
People's Vaccine Alliance	Global
European Trade Union Confederation	European Union
Pharmaceutical Accountability Foundation	The Netherlands
Viva Salud	Belgium
Health Action International (HAI)	Global
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM)	Europe
Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research (FIAR)	US/global
Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)	Global
Coalition for People's Right to Health (CPRH)	Philippines
Council for Health and Development (CHD)	Philippines
Salud y Farmacos	USA
Salamander Trust	UK
Asociación Acceso Justo al Medicamento	Spain
Catholics for AIDS Prevention & Support (CAPS)	UK

Halley Movement Coalition	Mauritius
Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia	Zambia
Action Santé Mondiale / Global Health Advocates	France / EU
Abibinsroma Foundation	Ghana
GCAP Ghana	Ghana
R2H Action [Right to Health]	USA
Public Citizen	USA
Student's for Global Health	UK
Global Justice Now	UK
Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network	Australia
EMERGENCY	Global
National Confederation of Dalit and Adivasi Organisations (NACDAOR)	India
Health GAP	Global
ActionAid Cambodia	Cambodia
Sankalp Rehabilitation Trust	India
RENICC/LATINDADD GCAP-LAC	Nicaragua
International Grail Justice and Trade Network	22 countries on all six continents
Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement	Philippines
Pan African Positive Women's Coalition-Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
ISDE Bangladesh	Bangladesh
The Naz Foundation (India) Trust	India
Development for Peace Education	Lesotho
Health Action International Asia Pacific (HAIAP)	Regional
LDC Watch	Global
South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication	Regional

(SAAPE)	
South Asia Tax and Fiscal Justice Alliance (SATAFJA)	Regional
Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)	National
Malaysian Women's Action for Tobacco Control and Health (MyWATCH)	National
Youth Engage	Zimbabwe
Prayas, Rajasthan	India
Gandhi Development Trust	South Africa
Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)	Uganda
Cancer Patients Aid Association	India
Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences	India
Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee	Pakistan
Crofter Foundation	Pakistan
Labour Education Foundation	Pakistan
Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV (APN+)	Regional
Cholistan Development Council	Pakistan
Initiative for Social and Economic Rights-ISER	Uganda
AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa	Regional
FOCSIV Italian Federation Christian Organisations International Voluntary Service	Italy
GCAP Italy	Italy
Bread for the World	Germany
Fairwatch	Italy
Public Eye	Switzerland
Clean Clothes Campaign International Office	Global

Conseil bruxellois de coordination sociopolitique	Brussels, Belgium
CGSP-ACOD ALR-LRB	Brussels, Belgium
Ligue Bruxelloise pour la Santé Mentale	Brussels, Belgium
medico international	Germany
International Union of Food Workers (IUF)	International Geneva
Association for Proper Internet Governance	Switzerland
Solsoc	Belgium
Fundación Salud por Derecho	Spain
Yunus Centre	Bangladesh
Oxfam Novib	Netherlands
Norwegian People's Aid	Norway
Geneeskunde voor het Volk - Médecine pour le Peuple	Belgium
Oxfam Ibis	Denmark
FrontlineAIDS	UK/South Africa
Labour Education Foundation	Pakistan
Veille Citoyenne Togo	Togo
Intal Globalize Solidarity	Belgium
Focus on the Global South	Asia
CNCD - 11.11.11	Belgium
Oxfam Intermón	Spain
Crisis Home	Malaysia
Social Watch	International
ASEEM (Association for Socio Economic Empowerment of the Marginalised)	Hyderabad, India
Jamma Children Foundation	Gambia

WSM - We Social Movements	Belgium
Gramya Resource Centre for Women	India
Fight Inequality Alliance, Asia	Asia
PAY NO BRIBE ANIMATORS SIERRA LEONE	SIERRA LEONE
Médecins du Monde International Network	International, 17 countries
Professor Guy Standing SOAS UNiversity of London, University of Sydney, BIEN	United Kingdom
Access to Medicines Ireland	Ireland
Doctors for Vaccine Equity	Ireland
AwazCDS-Pakistan	Pakistan
Pakistan Development Alliance	Pakistan
World Vision Deutschland e.V.	Germany
Corporacion Innovarte	Chile
CNE CSC Trade Union	Belgium
Both ENDS	The Netherlands
LEF-FGE	Belgium
People's Health Institute	Republic of Korea (South Korea)

People's Health Movement Korea	Republic of Korea (South Korea)
Just Treatment	UK
Center for Health Human Rights and Development (CEHURD)	Uganda
WIDE - Network for Women's Rights and Feminist Perspectives in Development	Austria
The ONE Campaign	Global
Welthaus Vienna	Austria
Public Services International PSI	Global
Health Right Network	Republic of Korea (South Korea)
Center for Economic and Social Rights	Global
ChildHelp Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone
Medical Mission Institute Würzburg	Germany
Amnesty International	Global
HelpAge International	Global
Association of Physician for Humanism	South Korea
Korean Federation of medical groups for Health Right (KFHR)	South Korea
Non-communicable Diseases Alliance Kenya	Kenya
Center for Health and Social Change	South Korea
Hart boven Hard	Belgium
Coalition of women living with HIV and AIDS	Malawi
African Alliance	South Africa
Erklärung von Salzburg für solidarische Entwicklung	Austria
IPLeft	South Korea
Solidarity for All	Greece
Women In Development Europe+ (WIDE+)	Regional (Europe)
Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum	Pakistan

ChildFund New Zealand	New Zealand
Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development (HEPS-Uganda)	Uganda
Community for Clean Environment	Pakistan
Friends of the Earth Europe	European Union
Bretton Woods Project	UK
Positive Malaysian Treatment Access & Advocacy Group (MTAAG+)	Malaysia
Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha	Bangladesh
War on Want	UK
Friends of the earth international	International
Oakland Institute	USA
SIHA Network	Uganda
Vanuatu Human Rights Coalition	Vanuatu
Vanuatu Young Women For Change	VYWC
Vatu Mauri Consortium	VMC
Anne's Christian Community Health School and Nursing Services	ACCHSNS
Vanuatu National Farmers Association	VNFA
Skiftet	Sweden
Spire	Norway
Global Humanitarian Progress Corp.	Colombia
Sama Resource Group for Women and Health	India
Child Way Uganda	Uganda
PowerShift e.V.	Germany
Pacific Asia Resource Center(PARC)	Japan
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice	USA
American Friends Services Committee	International

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