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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Regarding Intellectual Property Rights

The Trade and Economic Development Council,

Noting with deep concern the rapidly increasing number of daily COVID-19 infections and its social, economic, and humanitarian consequences, and the urgent need for the swift distribution of safe and effective vaccines and treatments,

Emphasizing the importance of widely-available and affordable vaccines for a successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic,

Aware of the original intent and benefits of intellectual property, which was to incentivise scientific innovation and to encourage cooperation and investment in global research,

Convinced that this is now hindering progress in pandemic response and blocking access to COVID-19 vaccines and other medical treatments in middle- and low-income countries,

Having considered that 82% of Pfizer's and 72% of Moderna's estimated vaccine production capacity for 2021 has already been sold to various developed countries, and these countries can expect to have over 50% of their populations vaccinated by the end of 2022,

Expecting certain high-income countries to have extensive access to COVID-19 vaccines as early as late 2021, while many middle- and low-income countries will likely expect access to widely-available vaccines by as late as 2023,

Believing in the universal right to health as per Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that human lives and global benefit should come before individual or national profit, and that waiving intellectual property will spur the production of alternate or generic COVID-19 vaccines, allowing further collaboration and accelerating production,

Desiring international cooperation in the development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments,

Stressing the need for global inoculation before travel and trade can safely return to pre-pandemic levels,

1. *Strongly encourages* the international community to view all COVID-19 vaccines and other developments as a common global good;
2. *Urges* member states to waive all intellectual property rights regarding COVID-19 vaccines, treatments, and other related developments, including patents, trade secrets, and pharmaceutical monopolies, until at least 80% of the global population has been vaccinated;
3. *Further calls upon* countries with an established production of COVID-19 vaccines to:
 - (a) Allocate 20% of locally produced vaccines for developing countries;
 - (b) Transfer sufficient technologies for manufacturing vaccines to non-industrialized developing countries to ensure sustainable local production by the beginning of 2022;
4. *Requires* all member states who violate these amendments to contribute an additional 2% of their GDP towards the international pandemic response, as coordinated by the UN task force.

Submitter: Philippines

Secunder: India

Negator: Russia