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# **Call: For the lifting of patents on anti-covid vaccines, let's mobilize together at the WTO and G20 meeting!**

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**The WTO TRIPS Council meets on 13 and 14 October in Geneva. The G20 meets in Rome on 30 and 31 October. Let us use these dates to raise the demand for the lifting of patents, for technology transfers, for universal, immediate and free vaccination, built with the populations, especially the most precarious, associated with massive investments in public health systems, and the promotion of barrier gestures.**

We are addressing all French and international democratic and trade union organisations, petitions (Stop Patents, European Citizens' Initiative, CADTM International Appeal, etc.), forums and citizens, to prepare unitary mobilization initiatives around these dates. We submit to you this text that can serve as a basis for these mobilizations. We want to force the WTO and the G20 to listen to our demands, and we would like to propose that you form a delegation to request a meeting that we will send to the WHO, the WTO and the G20. We will communicate widely together on these initiatives, which can only be done on the basis of a mobilization that we must build!

Despite all the fine words of the masters of this world, the vaccine divide between rich and poor countries is widening in the face of Covid. By buying vaccines at a high price, even though they were made possible by billions of euros and dollars in public subsidies, the rich countries have managed to vaccinate around 80% of their population. They are even embarking on a third dose of the vaccine. Meanwhile, Africa has barely been able to vaccinate 3% of its population! This is the other side of patents, of this private appropriation of the common good that vaccines should be: high prices, a worldwide shortage, with the result that there is real vaccine segregation. And its attendant millions of deaths! With the risk tomorrow of an even more aggressive variant that threatens all vaccination efforts, if the largest part of humanity, the poorest, is forgotten because of patents and shortages.

Yet a solution exists. A remarkable study by the US consumer organization Public Citizen, in conjunction with researchers at Oxford University, shows that with the lifting of patents and technology transfers, the world can be vaccinated.

Using the same planning tools that the pharmaceutical industry uses to prepare its plans for industrial sites, the study convincingly demonstrates "how the global community could set up regional centers capable of producing eight billion doses of mRNA vaccine by May 2022. This would be enough to cover 80% of the population. The cost? 9.4 billion dollars for a Pfizer - Biontech type vaccine, for 5 facilities, 17 production lines and 1386 employees. A figure to be compared with the tens of billions of government subsidies received by the pharmaceutical trusts to vaccinate only the richest people, amass profits and place them in tax havens!

Governments refuse to attack the patents and profits of the laboratories, and the European Union is unfortunately at the forefront of this refusal. They say they prefer dose donations and free licenses. Dose donations? A total fiasco as the WHO points out that only 15% of the promised one billion doses have actually been delivered. Free licenses? Most often, Pfizer and Moderna refuse to do so in order to keep control of the technologies in hand and a shortage that allows them to increase their prices even more!

So there is no other solution than to make the voice of the people heard and to demand, together with India, South Africa and a hundred NGOs, the lifting of patents!

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