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**His Excellency
Ambassador David Walker
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**Re: TRIPS Council deliberations with regards to waiver of intellectual property rights
applicable to vaccines, tests, and treatments related to COVID-19**

Dear Honourable Ambassador,

Firstly, we would like to show our gratitude for your prompt response to our Open Letter, and openness to maintaining the General Council engaged in such important discussions.

We understand that the Marrakesh Agreement determines that such issues of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights should be dealt with by the TRIPS Council, and that this specific topic has been an item of discussion during their recent meetings.

We, therefore, look forward to hearing the deliberations reached by the TRIPS Council at the upcoming General Council meeting, and reiterate our availability in supporting efforts to pursue this necessary cause.

Yours sincerely,

The World Federation of Public Health Associations
& the Sustainable Health Equity Movement