

GLOBAL CALL

Saving Lives and Protecting Jobs

Vaccines for all! Stand up for patent suspension!

The severe health and economic crisis caused by the current coronavirus pandemic is destroying millions of jobs and making the remaining ones precarious, increasing poverty, misery and economic and social inequality around the world and widening the gap between North and South. In the face of this global emergency, it is urgent and mandatory to "Save Lives and Protect Jobs". We must proclaim that vaccines are a common good of humanity from which no private profit can be made, largely because a huge amount of public money has been invested in their development, and that it is a political and moral obligation to vaccinate the entire population without discrimination of income or nationality. In this context, trade union, social movements, civil society organisations and personalities who have signed this document call on workers all over the world to mobilise on World Health Day and demand that governments and agencies:

- Act on the criteria of "Vaccines for all" by guaranteeing universal and immediate access to vaccines for all people in the world.
- Implement an international system based on global justice that is different from the merchant model that currently governs the trade and distribution of goods and vaccines.
- No to vaccine nationalism! For the right to health as a human right.
- Suspend patents on COVID-19 vaccines, either through the mechanisms provided for in national legislation or even within the World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- Develop plans, programmes and financial resources for the transfer of technologies and inputs needed for vaccine production in all regions and nations. And, in this way, create the conditions for more countries to start their own national production of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Universalise access to medicines, supplies, software and equipment necessary for the treatment of patients affected by COVID-19.
- Subsidise all kinds of workers, peasants, family businesses, families living in the informal economy, who have lost their income, by providing them with a minimum income for their survival.
- Implement an extraordinary investment plan to recover the millions of jobs lost or at risk.

Workers around the world demand "Vaccines for all", decent work and social protection: now is the time to act!

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SIGNATURES

Argentina: CTA-T, CTA-A, CGT-RA, Asociación de Empleados de Farmacia -ADEF- de Argentina, FATUN, Movimiento Centroamericano 2 de Marzo, Unión de Empleados de la Justicia de la Nación.

Austria: ÖGB (Austrian Trade Union Federation)

Brasil: CUT, CNTS, UGT, CNTE, CONTRACS/CUT, Sindicatos dos Enfermeiros do Estado de Sao Paulo, Fasubra, ABEn, ASFOC-SN, CONFETAM, Intersindical Central da Classe Trabalhadora, Sintrafi Florianópolis e Região, SINDSEP- São Paulo, SindSaúde-SP, ABED (Associação Brasileira de Economistas pela Democracia), MNCCD (Movimento Nacional Contra Corrupção e pela Democracia) REBRIP (Rede Brasileira pela Integração dos Povos), CUT-CNTSS

Belgium: FGTB, CSC, IFSI-ISVI

Chile: CUT

Colombia: CUT, CTC

Costa Rica: Central Social Juanito Mora Porras-ANEP

Croatia: The Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia (UATUC)

Ecuador: ASO UASB, ISP

España: CCOO, UGT, ELA Pais Basco, USO

France: CGT

Germany: DGB

Guatemala: CUSG, UNSITRAGUA HISTÓRICA. MTC

Italia: CGIL, CISL, UIL, ARCI (Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana)

Maroc: CDT, UMT

Mauritanie: CGTM

Mauritius: CTSP

Namibia: TUCNA Trade Union Congress of Namibia

Niger: USTN

Panama: CTRP, Convergencia, CONUSI

Perú: ISP, FENTAP, SUTEPSAR, GRESP (Grupo Red de Economía Solidaria y Protección Social de Perú, Red Peruana de Comercio Justo y Consumo Ético)

Philippines: SENTRO (Sentro ng mga Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa)

República Dominicana: CASC. CNUS, AMUSSOL, CNTD

South Africa: COSATU

Salvador: FEASIES (Federación de Asociaciones y Sindicatos Independientes de El Salvador), AMATE, Asociación Colectivo Alejandria, Panorama Económico, Colectivo La Comuna Resiste

Sénégal: UNSAS

South Korea: KCTU

Tunisie: UGTT

Turkey: DISK

USA: GGJA (Grassroots Global Justice Alliance)

Venezuela: Central de Trabajadores/as ASI

ATUC-ITUC (Arab Trade Union Confederation)

TUCA/CSA (Trade Unions Confederation of America)

ITUC-Africa (African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation)

BWI/ICM/IBB (Building and Wood Worker's International)

Confederación Latinoamericana de Trabajadores del Poder Judicial

IE (Internacional da Educação)

IEAL (Comité Regional de la Internacional de la Educación para América Latina)

PSI (Public Services International)

ISP Américas (Internacional de Serviços Públicos)

CONTUA Confederación de los Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de las Universidades de las Américas

UITA Regional Latinoamericana

UNI Global Union

ATALC (Amigos de la Tierra América Latina y el Caribe)

FSMSSS (Forum Social Mundial de la Salud y de la Seguridad Social)

Grito de las/os Excluidas/os Continental (Americas)

Jornada Continental por la Democracia y Contra el Neoliberalismo, articulación de movimientos sociales de las Américas

Jubileo Sur/Américas

Red Sin Fronteras: Asociación EcuMénica de Cuyo, Grito dos Excluidos/as Continental, Associação LatinoAmericana de Micro, Pequenas e Médias Empresas, Presença de América Latina, Associação Filhos do Mundo, Instituto Edésio Passos, Centro de Direitos Humanos e Cidadania do Imigrante, Programa Andino para la Dignidad Huamana, Consultoría Para Los Derechos Humanos y El Desplazamiento, Asociación Del'Agora de Madrid, Casa da Gente de Barcelona, Coordinadora de Abogados del Paraguay, Centro de Derechos y Desarrollo, Casa do Brasil de Lisboa, Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, Derechos/Cultura/Diversidad/Migración.

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