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Dear Messrs. Bourla, Vaquer, Ariyan and Byron:

We write in regard to the agreement Pfizer signed with the Medicines Patent Pool in November 2021 granting a license for the oral antiviral Paxlovid used in the treatment of COVID-19. The antiviral combines nirmatrelvir, also identified as PF-07321332, and ritonavir. Under the license it can be manufactured by 39 pharmaceutical companies worldwide, including laboratories in Mexico, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic (Nortec Química of Brazil<sup>1</sup>, Neol Pharma of Mexico<sup>2</sup>, and Magnachem of the Dominican Republic<sup>3</sup>).

It is regrettable that most countries in Latin America that need the lifesaving treatment have been excluded from the license, limiting their ability to reduce the catastrophic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among their most vulnerable populations.

We note that recently the Medicines Patent Pool signed a license with Shionogi for its antiviral candidate ensitrelvir, which would benefit more countries than Pfizer's license.

The global COVID-19 health emergency makes access to nirmatrelvir – in adequate quantities and conditions – necessary. We, therefore, ask Pfizer to include Latin American countries within the scope of the MPP license and to facilitate access to generics manufactured in neighboring countries, eliminating the need for countries to resort to compulsory licenses or government use of patents.

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<sup>1</sup> Nortec Química. Nortec Química recebe licença da The Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) para produzir IFA nirmatrelvir para tratamento oral inovador contra Covid-19 <https://nortecquimica.com.br/nortec-quimica-recebe-licenca-da-the-medicines-patent-pool-mpp-para-produzir-ifa-nirmatrelvir-para-tratamento-oral-inovador-contra-covid-19/>

<sup>2</sup> Código F. Neolpharma producirá en México la versión genérica de Paxlovid de Pfizer, gracias a un acuerdo con el Fondo de Patentes de Medicamentos, bajo la autorización de la Coferpris. <https://codigof.mx/neolpharma-producira-en-mexico-la-version-generica-de-paxlovid-de-pfizer-gracias-a-un-acuerdo-con-el-fondo-de-patentes-de-medicamentos-bajo-la-autorizacion-de-la-coferpris/>

<sup>3</sup> PM Farma, Laboratorio Magnachem fabricará una versión genérica del medicamento para el Covid-19 en República Dominicana. <https://www.pmfarma.com.mx/noticias/19312-laboratorio-magnachem-fabricara-una-version-generica-del-medicamento-para-el-covid-19-en-republica-dominicana.html>

Responding to our request to include our countries in the license would be a signal of Pfizer's commitment to facilitate access for all people to scientific advances that, in this case, would contribute considerably to ending this pandemic that so far has resulted in more than 6 million lives lost worldwide<sup>4</sup>.

Kind regards,

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<sup>4</sup> WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard, 13/10/2022  
[WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#) | [WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard With Vaccination Data](#)

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