

Appeal to Declare COVID-19 Vaccines A Global Common Good Now

We, the undersigned, make this joint appeal to all the global leaders, international organizations, and governments to adopt legal measures and make official statements declaring COVID-19 vaccines as a Global Common Good, free from any patent right belonging to anyone. The signatories below include Nobel Laureates and Nobel Laureates Organizations, civil society leaders, and world moral leaders from all over the globe.

1. RIGHT TO THE FREE ACCESS TO THE VACCINE FOR ALL

Our right to health can be guaranteed only by our duty to health, both on an individual and collective level. As a priority, there is a need for our conceptual recognition, and actual translation into action, of our responsibilities. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc across Mother Earth, there is an explosion of research activities and clinical trials to find cures and vaccines. Indeed, everyone converges on the idea that ultimately the only way to definitively eradicate the pandemic is to have a vaccine that can be administered to all the inhabitants of the planet, urban or rural, men or women, living in rich or poor countries.

The pandemic clearly exposes the strengths and weaknesses of healthcare systems in different countries, as well as the obstacles and inequities of access to healthcare. The effectiveness of the upcoming vaccination campaign will depend on its universality.

Governments, foundations, international financial organizations like the World Bank and the regional development banks should work out details of how to make the vaccines available free of cost.

We appeal to governments, foundations, charity organizations, philanthropist individuals, and social businesses (that is, businesses which are created to solve people's problems without

taking any personal profit out of them) to come forward to produce and/or distribute the vaccines all over the world.

We invite all social, political, and health entities to re-affirm our collective responsibility for the protection of all vulnerable persons related to poverty, discrimination, gender, illness, loss of autonomy or functionality, or age.

2. TRANSPARENCY IN DETERMINING FAIR RETURN ON RESEARCH INVESTMENTS

The research for a vaccine is a long process. The estimated time for development of a COVID-19 vaccine is about 18 months or less, which would be an absolute speed record.

This research needs immense economic investments. Many private sector research laboratories who are engaged in the vaccine research will be expecting a return on their investments. We must work out an unambiguous procedure to determine what would be a fair level of this return in exchange for putting the vaccine in the public domain. For this reason, information issued by the private sector, scientists, and authorities, needs to be timely, accurate, clear, complete, and transparent. The research results should be in the public domain, making it available to any production facility that pledges to operate under strict international regulatory supervision and only to such facilities.

3. ACTION PLAN

We urge the World Health Organization to design a World Action Plan on COVID-19 vaccine. We appeal to them to set up an international committee responsible for monitoring the vaccine research and to assure equal access to the vaccine for all countries and all people within a publicly announced pre-determined time frame.

We appeal to all world leaders, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Director General of the World Health Organization, religious leaders, social leaders, moral leaders, leaders of research laboratories, pharmaceutical companies, and media leaders to join hands to ensure that in the case of COVID-19 vaccine we have a global consensus for free universal access, far ahead of its actual production and distribution.

LIST OF PERSONALITIES WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE

NOBEL LAUREATES

1. **Muhammad Yunus** 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate
2. **Máiread Maguire** 1976 Nobel Peace Laureate
3. **Professor Adolfo Perez Esquivel** 1980 Nobel Peace Laureate
4. **Lech Wałęsa** 1983 Nobel Peace Laureate, Former President of Poland
5. **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** 1984 Nobel Peace Laureate
6. **Mikhail Gorbachev** 1990 Nobel Peace Laureate, President of the Soviet Union
7. **Rigoberta Menchu** 1992 Nobel Peace laureate
8. **Edmond Henri Fischer** 1992 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
9. **Sir Richard J. Roberts** 1993 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
10. **José Ramos Horta** 1996 Nobel Peace Laureate
11. **Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo** 1996 Nobel Peace Laureate
12. **Peter C. Doherty** 1996 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
13. **Jody Williams** 1997 Nobel Peace Laureate
14. **Shirin Ebadi** 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate
15. **Elizabeth Blackburn** 2009 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
16. **Mohammed Al Baradei** 2005 Nobel Peace Laureate
17. **Tawakkol Karman** 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate
18. **Leymah Gbowee** 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate
19. **Malala Yousafzai** 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate
20. **Kailash Satyarthi** 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate
21. **Ouided Bouchamaoui** 2015 Nobel Peace Laureate with the Tunisian Quintet
22. **Mohamed Fadhel Mahfoudh** 2015 Nobel Peace Laureate with the Tunisian Quintet
23. **Juan Manuel Santos** 2016 Nobel Peace Laureate
24. **Nadia Murad Basee Taha** 2018 Nobel Peace Laureate
25. **Dr. Denis Mukwege** 2018 Nobel Peace Laureate

NOBEL LAUREATE ORGANIZATION

26. Lisa Pelletti Clark Co-President, **The International Peace Bureau**, 1910 Nobel Laureate in Peace
27. Sérgio Duarte President, **Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs**, 1995 Nobel Laureate in Peace

FORMER PRESIDENTS

28. **Emil Constantinescu** President of Romania 1996-2000
29. **Ameenah Gurib-Fakim** President of Mauritius 2015-2018
30. **Tarja Halonen** President of Finland 2000-2012
31. **Mladen Ivanic** President of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2018
32. **Gjorge Ivanov** President of North Macedonia 2009-2019
33. **Ivo Josipovic** President of Croatia 2010-2015
34. **Aleksandr Kwasniewski** President of Poland 1995-2005
35. **Petru Lucinschi** President of Moldova 1997-2001
36. **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** President of Brazil 2003-2011
37. **Rexhep Meidani** President of Albania 1997-2002
38. **Bujar Nishani** President of Albania 2012-2017
39. **Roza Otunbayeva** President of Kyrgyzstan 2010-2011
40. **Rosen Plevneliev** President of Bulgaria 2012-2017
41. **Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca** President of Malta 2014-2019
42. **Romano Prodi** President of EU Commission 1999-2004 and Italian Prime Minister of Italy 1996-1998, 2006-2008
43. **Vicente Fox Quesada** President of Mexico 2000-2006
44. **Mary Robinson** President of Ireland, 1990-97
45. **Rosalía Arteaga Serrano** President of Ecuador 1997
46. **Boris Tadic** President of Serbia 2004-2012, Board Member Nizami Ganjavi International Center
47. **Petar Stoyanov** President of Bulgaria 1997-2002
48. **Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga** President of Latvia 1999-2007
49. **Filip Vujanovic** President of Montenegro 2003-2018

50. **Viktor Yushchenko** President of Ukraine 2005-2010

FORMER PRIME MINISTERS

51. **Shaukat Aziz** Prime Minister of Pakistan 2004-2007

52. **Marek Belka** Prime Minister of Poland 2004-2005

53. **Sali Berisha** Prime Minister of Albania 2005-2013, President 1992-97

54. **Gordon Brown** Prime Minister of UK 2007-2010

55. **Helen Clark** Prime Minister of New Zealand 1999-2008

56. **Mirko Cvetkovic** Prime Minister of Serbia 2008-2012

57. **Jan Fisher** Prime Minister of the Czech Republic 2009-2010

58. **Chiril Gaburici** Prime Minister of Moldova 2015

59. **Jadranka Kosor** Prime Minister of Croatia 2009-2011

60. **Zlatko Lagumdzija** Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2002, deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs 2012-2015

61. **Yves Leterme** Prime Minister of Belgium 2008, 2009-2011

62. **Peter Medgyessy** Prime Minister of Hungary 2002-2004

63. **Mahathir Mohamad** Prime Minister of Malaysia 1981-2003, 2018-2020

64. **Djoomart Otorbaev** Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan 2014-2015

65. **Oscar Ribas Reig** Prime Minister of Andorra 1982-84; 1990-94

66. **Petre Roman** Former Prime Minister of Romania (1989-1991)

67. **Laimdota Straujuma** Former Prime Minister of Latvia (2014-2016)

68. **Eka Tkeshelashvili** Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia 2010-2012

ARTISTES & SOCIAL ACTIVISTS

69. **Shabana Azmi** Actor and Human Rights Activist

70. **Andrea Bocelli Tenor** Singer-Songwriter

71. **Bono** Singer, Activist

72. **Lily Cole** Actress, Activist

73. **George Clooney** Actor, Human Rights Activist

74. **Richard Curtis** UN SDG Advocate, Founder, Project Everyone

75. **Matt Damon** Filmmaker & Co-founder Water.org & WaterEquity

76. **Julian Morris** Actor
77. **Alok Petrillo** DJ/Musician, Brasil
78. **Sharon Stone** Actress, Human Rights Activist
79. **Jimmy Wales** Founder, Wikipedia
80. **Forest Whitaker** Actor, Founder, Whitaker Peace & Development Initiative
81. **Peter Gabriel** Founder, Real World
82. **Ruslana** Eurovision song contest winner (Ukraine)

BUSINESS LEADERS

83. **Sir Richard Branson** Founder, Virgin Group
84. **Emmanuel Faber** Chief Executive Officer, Danone
85. **Mo Ibrahim** Philanthropist, Founder of Mo Ibrahim Foundation
86. **Paul Polman** Co-founder & Chair, IMAGINE, Former CEO, Unilever
87. **Azim Premji** Chairman, Wipro Limited
88. **Narayana Murthy** Co-Founder, Infosys
89. **Ratan Tata** Former Chairman of Tata Sons and Tata Group

POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS, LEADERS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVISTS, ACADEMICS & OTHERS

90. **Father Giulio Albanese** Journalist and Writer
91. **Farida Allaghi** Former Ambassador of Libya to the EU
92. **Nasser Alkahtani** CEO, AGFUND
93. **Abdulaziz Altwaijri** Former Director General, ISESCO
94. **Jean Baderschneider** Chair of the Board of Directors, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery
95. **Thomas Bach** President, International Olympic Committee (IOC)
96. **Luigino Bruni** Professor, Economics, Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta (LUMSA)
97. **Winnie Byanyima** Executive Director, UNAIDS
98. **Margaret Chan** President, Boao Global Health Forum
99. **James Chau** International Broadcaster and Host of The China Current

100. **Herman de Croo** Honorary Speaker of the House, 1999-2007
101. **Susan M. Elliott** President and CEO, National Committee on American Foreign Policy
102. **Ninong Ering** Member of Legislative Assembly, ARUNACHAL PRADESH
Legislative assembly
103. **Maria Fernanda** Espinosa Former President of the United Nations General Assembly
104. **HRH Prince Turki bin Faisal** Chairman, King Faisal Foundation's Center for Research and Islamic Studies
105. **Father Enzo** Fortunato Spokesperson of the Sacred Convent and Papal Basilica of Assisi
106. **Father Mauro Gambetti** Custodian of the Papal Basilica and Sacred Convent of Assisi
107. **Arun Manilal Gandhi** Indian-American socio-political activist
108. **Rahul Gandhi** Member of Parliament
109. **Tushar A. Gandhi** President, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation
110. **Ron Garan** Former Astronaut
111. **Nathalie de Gaulle** Co-Founder & President NB-INOV
112. **Ann Hidalgo** Mayor of Paris
113. **Mette Holm** Author and Broadcaster
114. **Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu** Former Secretary General, OIC
115. **Garry Jacobs** CEO, President World Academy of Art and Sciences
116. **David Jones** Co-Founder, One Young World, Founder, You&Mr. Jones
117. **Adeeba Kamarulzaman** President-elect, International AIDS Society
118. **Mats Karlsson** Vice President of the World Bank 1999-2002
119. **Kerry Kennedy** President, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
120. **Vanessa Kerry** Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School,
Founder, Seed Global Health
121. **Salman Khan** Founder, Khan Academy
122. **Guilherme Leal** Co-Founder, Natura Cosméticos, B Team Leader
123. **Sharon Lewin** Director, The Peter Doherty Institute of Infection & Immunity,
University of Melbourne
124. **Justin Yifu Lin** Former Vice President of the World Bank
125. **Raffaele Lomonaco** Professor of Economics of the Pontifical Lateran University
126. **Mogens Lykketoft** Former President of the United Nations General Assembly

127. **Graca Machel** Founder, Graca Machel Trust and Foundation for Community Development, Graca Machel Trust and Foundation for Community Development
128. **Marina Mahathir** Writer, Human Rights Activist
129. **Narek Mkrtchyan** Member of Parliament, National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
130. **Amre Moussa** Secretary General of the Arab League 2000-2011, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt 1991-2002
131. **Alaa Murabit** UN SDG Advocate, The Voice of Libyan Women
132. **Rovshan Muradov** Secretary General, Nizami Ganjavi International Center
133. **Edward Ndopu** UN SDG Advocate, Founder, Beyond Zero
134. **Samia Nkrumah** President of Kwame Nkrumah Pan-African Centre
135. **Sir Gustav Victor Joseph Nossal** Australian-Austrian researcher
136. **Michael Otto** Chairman of the Advisory Board Otto Group
137. **Elsa Papademetriou** Former Vice President of the Hellenic Parliament
138. **Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahim** Member, Keadilan
139. **Inma Rodríguez-Piñero** Member, European Parliament, European Parliament
140. **Her Majesty Queen Sofia** Spain
141. **Richard St. Pierre** Vice-Chairman, C2 Montreal, C2 Montreal
142. **Jeffrey Sachs** UN SDG Advocate, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University
143. **Ismail Serageldin** Co-Chair Nizami Ganjavi International Center
144. **Srijan Pal Singh** CEO, Kalam Centre
145. **Patrizia Toia** MEP, European Parliament
146. **Marianna V. Vardinoyannis** Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO
147. **José María Vera** Executive Director, Oxfam International, Oxfam International
148. **Gary White** CEO & Co-founder, Water.org & WaterEquity
149. **Kateryna Yushenko** First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2019
150. **Nicola Zingaretti** Chairman & Leader of the Italian Democratic Party