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Dear Mr. Villarroel Villalón,  
Dear Mr. Love,  
Dear Ms. Vargas Peláez,  
Dear Mr. González,

Thank you for your letter dated July 9, 2021, concerning the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) technical assistance in support of the World Health Organization's (WHO) COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) objectives.

WIPO is fully committed to playing a constructive role to help Members overcome the pandemic and for the world to achieve vaccine equity.

However, the battle against COVID-19 is complex and multi-faceted; winning it requires concerted action across agencies. The WHO-WIPO-World Trade Organization (WTO) Trilateral Cooperation constitutes a key mechanism via which WIPO tackles this pandemic, and other pressing challenges at the intersection of public health, IP and trade.

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As a result of the recent meeting (referenced in your letter) of the Directors General of WHO, WIPO, and WTO, the three agencies agreed to organize a series of capacity-building workshops, and to implement a joint gateway for tripartite technical assistance to countries relating to their needs for COVID-19 medical technologies. Work is now underway on both initiatives, with the first workshop – on technology transfer and licensing – slated for September. The team is discussing all possible areas for trilateral co-operation, and we will certainly take into account your suggestion that WIPO could also assist in the C-TAP proposal.

In addition to the Trilateral work, on July 12, 2021, we announced a package of support measures designed to help WIPO Member States overcome the pandemic and rebuild. It covers the following five areas: Policy and Legislative Assistance; Technical Assistance and Capacity Building; Innovation Support and Technology Transfer; and IP Dispute Resolution and Knowledge Resources. More information on this can be found on our website at <https://www.wipo.int/covid-19/en/>

Thank you once again for your letter, and rest assured of WIPO's steadfast commitment to the global and joint efforts to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and build back better.

Yours sincerely,



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