

Oxfam PVA statement at INB 8

I am speaking on behalf of Oxfam and People Vaccine Alliance

As the accord enters the final stages, we urge countries to turn good intentions to reality: equity, solidarity, and common good.

For 4 years we have been watching Europe, US and others implementing and proposing measures to ensure technology development and transfer and to remove IP barriers to enable innovation and access for their population. Yet they object to including the same measures here in the Accord. We must say no to double standard and we must insist on using the same standards worldwide.

The Accord must adopt practical measures for technology transfer, removing IP barriers, enhancing local production and proper benefit sharing attached to access to pathogens. As the colleague from Egypt said, on behalf of Equity group : "measures to put lives before profit"

Remember that viruses have 2 important characters: they do not respect borders and they do mutate. The accord must include practical measures to provide protection for all humans irrespective of where they live!