

# *UK and EU nations block COVID vaccine patent waiver at World Trade Organization*

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Geneva, October 16 (RHC)-- A meeting of the World Trade Organization's intellectual property council has ended without action on a proposal to suspend patent rights on COVID-19 vaccines.

The United Kingdom and some wealthy European Union nations, led by Germany, continue to oppose a patent waiver, which was first proposed over a year ago by India and South Africa and backed by over 100 WTO member nations. Since then, the world has recorded over 3.8 million COVID-19 deaths.



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