



INTERNATIONAL GENERIC AND
BIOSIMILAR MEDICINES ASSOCIATION

IGBA Statement

Solidarity Call to Action

To realize equitable global access to COVID-19 health technologies through sharing of knowledge, intellectual property and data

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“The International Generic and Biosimilar medicines Association (IGBA) invites generic and biosimilar medicines manufacturers to actively engage and commit to contributing to the global manufacturing capacity once an existing or newly-discovered therapeutic is proven to be effective against COVID-19.

As stipulated by this unique and time-limited New Health Technology Pool, sharing of open relevant technologies, knowledge, intellectual property and data on a voluntary basis will facilitate their use in research and development and will mobilize and expand additional manufacturing capacity, since effective technology transfers and early access to key technologies would be permitted. This should be complimented by a clear policy action by WHO member states to plan for future need in full transparency and cooperation with the pharmaceutical industry, both rights holders and, where applicable, licensees.

A framework will be provided, allowing generic and biosimilar medicines manufacturers to actively contribute to the global manufacturing capacity by utilizing their expertise and know-how to produce and distribute generic and biosimilar versions of patented medicines at global level.

The licenses will also provide the freedom to develop new treatments, such as fixed-dose combinations and special formulations for children.

Competition will help bring prices down and accelerate access to COVID-19 treatments and help to overcome this global pandemic.

Thank you!”

About IGBA

The International Generic and Biosimilar medicines Association (IGBA) was founded to strengthen cooperation between associations representing manufacturers of generic and biosimilar medicines from around the world. The IGBA is at the forefront of preserving sustainable competition within our industry, by stimulating competitiveness and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector; thereby, ensuring millions of patients around the world have access to high quality, pro-competitive medicines. For more details, regarding IGBA and its member associations, see the IGBA website at: www.igbamedicines.org.