



## Statement by the International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance (IGPA), Regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership

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The International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance (IGPA) urges negotiators for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) not to abandon the needs of millions of the world's citizens for access to affordable medicines.

IGPA supports trade agreements which promote the distribution of safe and affordable medicines and contribute to the sustainability of healthcare systems globally. Unfortunately, based on available information, TPP will threaten the right of "access to medicines for all" enshrined in the 2001 WTO Doha Declaration and recognized by all 12 TPP countries.

While IGPA supports balanced policies to promote intellectual property rights, TPP, as currently drafted, protects the interests of brand medicine manufacturers at the expense of public health. This one-sided approach to intellectual property protection would undermine the efforts of TPP countries to increase utilization of safe and affordable generic and biosimilar medicines.

As the TPP negotiation enters its final phase, IGPA calls on negotiators to take a more balanced approach, promoting both competition and innovation, in order to enable access to medicines for all.

### About IGPA

The International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance is an international network of generic and biosimilar medicines associations that is committed to promoting generic medicines and exchanging information worldwide. Through its constituent member associations, the IGPA maintains constant dialogue with the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH), World Health Organization (WHO), World Trade Organization (WTO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other international organizations. The IGPA was founded in March 1997.

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