

## **Statement delivered by the Medicines Patent Pool at the seventh meeting of the INB**

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The Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) would like to congratulate the INB for the progress made so far. MPP notes references to licensing and technology transfer in the negotiating text. Licensing and technology transfer can play and have played an important role to enable key countermeasures to become available and accessible in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) from geographically diverse suppliers.

For example, these mechanisms have helped to bring antivirals to market in many countries during the COVID-19 pandemic and to enable affordable access. We believe that the pandemic accord can contribute to further strengthen and support such mechanisms that have delivered results in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and enable faster and broader access in future pandemics.

Initiatives like the mRNA technology transfer are also proving to be of great importance to develop technological capacity in many countries in view of future pandemics. It may be important to explore applying a similar model to other key platform technologies that could be important in pandemic response. Thank you for the opportunity.