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Subject: Meeting request to advance access to Lenacapavir LA through the application of Section 92A of India's Patent Law.

Dear Mr. President,

Regards from Public Citizen, Health GAP, Medicines Law & Policy, Global Humanitarian Progress GHP Corp., Acción Internacional por la Salud AIS Perú and Medicinas para la Gente Cap. Latinoamérica PMA LAC, civil society organizations alliance committed to defending the right to health, equitable access to medicines, and the HIV response in Colombia, Latin America, and globally.

In light of the urgent need to guarantee access to lenacapavir, hereafter referred to as LEN-LA, a long-acting and highly effective antiretroviral for HIV prevention (PrEP) and treatment, we respectfully request that the Government of Colombia, in the exercise of its sovereign powers and in compliance with the World Trade Organization (WTO) TRIPS Agreement, initiate discussions with the Government of India to issue a compulsory license under Section 92A of the Indian Patents Act.

Section 92A provides that the Indian government shall make available compulsory licenses necessary for the production and export of medicines to address public

health problems to countries having insufficient manufacturing capacity. Its application would enable qualified Indian manufacturers to locally produce LEN-LA and export it to Colombia under fairer and more affordable terms than those currently offered by the patent holder.

As you are aware, Colombia faces multiple barriers in accessing innovative health technologies, particularly for key populations affected by HIV and at-risk groups. The introduction of LEN-LA is essential to strengthen combination prevention strategies and to advance national and international commitments in public health, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This request is fully aligned with WTO TRIPS Agreement and the Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health (2001) and does not violate any international norms. On the contrary, it represents a legal, legitimate, and ethical measure to protect the fundamental right to health.

Accordingly, we respectfully request a **virtual meeting** with your office and the relevant technical team to present the legal, public health, and economic rationale behind this request and to explore institutional pathways for action, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, INVIMA, and other relevant actors.

We remain at your disposal and look forward to your response and the possibility of scheduling the meeting as soon as possible. We reiterate our willingness to contribute technically from civil society to this initiative, which could represent a landmark in the country's access to innovative technologies.

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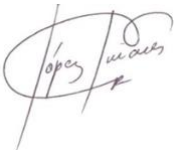


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