



*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto*  
*Despacho Señor Ministro*

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Your Royal Highness:

I am writing to you, in your capacity of chairmanship of the G20, to share with you that this week, the Head of State of Costa Rica, President Carlos Alvarado Quesada, sent a proposal to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in order to facilitate access to technologies to combat COVID-19. I enclose a copy of this proposal.

The initiative of President Alvarado Quesada puts forward the creation of a repository of existing knowledge related to diagnostic tests, devices, drugs or vaccines, which would be available in the form of patents, both granted and in process, test data provided to regulatory authorities, expert knowledge, cell lines (cell cultures), copyrights and designs for the manufacture of diagnostic tests, devices, drugs or vaccines. The aim is to guarantee free access and use by WHO member states.

The Costa Rican Government proposes that the World Health Organization develops a concise memorandum of understanding with the intention of inviting non-profit organizations, industry and other relevant actors to sign the memorandum and enable these mechanisms for the exchange and use of information.

Your Royal Highness will agree with me in that these are most difficult times for all. In the quest for saving lives, I would like to request your support for this proposal, in order to enable all nations to make use of this valuable information tool, which will add important value to our national strategies and upgrade our capacities to tackle the pandemic.

I look forward, when these difficult times recede, to greet Your Royal Highness, personally, in Costa Rica, as a dear guest and friend.

Yours sincerely,

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