

Knowledge Ecology International

In relation to limitations and exceptions to patent rights, we request the Committee, at its 33rd session in 2021, to convene an expert workshop to address the experience of states in permitting the non-voluntary use of patents on medical inventions as a limitation on the remedies available in Part 3 of the TRIPS, including specifically cases of running royalties for infringement of medical devices and diagnostic tests, and the export of those products outside of the WTO 31bis framework.

In relation to the COVID-19 response, Knowledge Ecology International (KEI) proposes that WIPO establish an instrument that would create reciprocal rights in government funded COVID-19 inventions, so that countries that were members of such an instrument would agree to the terms and modalities in which they could share access to publicly funded inventions.