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## **Global COVID-19 Summit: Ending the Pandemic and Building Back Better White House, 22 September 2021**

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Innovative biomedical companies represented by IFPMA are at the forefront of the response to the pandemic; not least by developing and manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines in record time.

We are committed to “*Vaccinate the World*” and advance COVID-19 vaccine equity; by working with governments and partners to step up dose sharing, continue to optimize production, eliminate trade barriers, support country readiness, and continue to drive innovation.

This month COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing output will reach 7,5 billion doses. By June 2022, if there are no major bottlenecks and trade barriers, output will reach over 24 billion. In addition to doses already committed, from now on, each month, over 200 million doses secured by G7 countries could be available for low- and lower-middle-income countries. Vaccine equity will only be achieved if these doses are efficiently distributed and with due regard to the capacity of countries to roll out immunization plans.

To “*Save Lives Now*”, treatments remain integral to COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Thankfully, a handful of COVID-19 treatments are already standard of care. The biomedical industry is working on scaling up manufacturing, but the effective roll out to patients is dependent on country readiness.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccines and treatments roll out right; will be the foundation for “*Building Back Better*” and ensure all patients will benefit from future innovation. Staving off pandemics or treating chronic and acute diseases; society needs a thriving innovation ecosystem that changes the world for the better, with shared goals and solutions.

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### **For further information:**

Airfinity data: [September 2021 snap shot COVID-19 data](#)

IFPMA Press release: [Momentum of COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing scale up sufficient for step change in distribution](#), 7 September 2021

IFPMA Statement: [COVID-19 vaccine makers invite G20 leaders to support the five steps to urgently advance COVID-19 vaccine equity](#)