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Greetings from Equity BD, People's Health Movement Bangladesh and the Third World Network.

Hope, you know that, Bangladesh is going through a very tough time fighting the COVID 19 pandemic.  The pandemic has brought up once again the issues related to the health sector of the country. The issue of Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement of WTO has also become an issue of concern as  Bangladesh is graduating from Least Developing Countries (LDC).

Bangladesh is exempted from having to implement obligations of the TRIPS Agreement, but after graduation from LDC Bangladesh will no longer enjoy exemption from implementing the agreement.

EquityBD, People's Health Movement Bangladesh and the Third World Network have jointly organized the aforesaid virtual workshop to have a reflection and assessment on intellectual property and access to medicines issues in Bangladesh. A draft agenda is attached.

We would like to cordially invite you to please join the event.  T**he workshop will be held on 5th August, 2021 Time: 02:30 pm to 4.30 pm Dhaka time. To participate, please  register here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItf-upqzwsE9LHs63rDHiTkzYPvT89CWeu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We very much look forward to the confirmation of your participation in the meeting, as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

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