



Pandemic Accord

Recently, the seventh round of deliberations on the **Pandemic Accord** was recently concluded by representatives from **28 countries**.

- The accord aims to strengthen **global prevention, preparedness**, and response to **disease outbreaks**.
- The delegates failed to reach a consensus on [Intellectual Property Rights](#) and [Relaxing Patents](#).
- The **United States** did not change its stance on the protection of **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**, reiterating that canceling them would not improve access for poor countries during emergencies.
- **Developed** and developing countries had divergent opinions, with the former focusing on prevention and the latter demanding **equitable access** to medical products to be a guarantee in the treaty.
- The **International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations** was also in agreement when it came to retaining patent rights.

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