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x By the end of last week, nearly 23% of the world's population had received one dose of COVID -19 vaccine. Some 77% of the 2.92 billion COVID -19 vaccines administered were in five WTO Members: China, the European Union, the United States, India and Brazil.

x To reach more people in all countries, two things need to happen:

x First, more COVID- 19 vaccine doses must be manufactured . This means more international trade in critical vaccine inputs . Without access to inputs, the additional doses will not be produced.

x And second, the movement of vaccines ann

x We are also actively engaged with the World Customs Organization. Our joint activities cover regular work on a broad scope of different topics, ranging from rules of origin to cooperation on customs classification and implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. The information gathered at today's event on vaccine inputs is invaluable. It should enable us to better track these essential goods through global trade.

x In addition, the WTO is providing expert input on trade issues to the COVAX manufacturing taskforce. This is a two-way exchange. For example, information on where trade frictions are is O u

