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Cyprus' Input Regarding HRC Resolution 49/25

Subject: Call for Contributions Ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic


Regarding the call for inputs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) with respect to:

- (a) the human rights implications and the impact on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health of affordable, timely, equitable and universal access and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines,
- (b) good practices and key challenges in ensuring affordable, timely, equitable and universal access and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines,

The Office of the Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Cyprus, has not received complaints regarding access to COVID-19 vaccines.

We are aware that, in Cyprus, COVID-19 vaccines were available to all civilians legally residing in the Republic, free from any financial cost.

According to the Vaccination Program applied by the Republic as soon as COVID-19 vaccines were distributed in Cyprus, priority was given to the elderly population and, gradually, all age groups eligible for vaccination had access to all doses of the vaccines available.



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