Global vaccine equity

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Policy position recommendation:
1. Ensure country-by-country equitable access to vaccines.
2. The Canadian government and pharmaceuticals
   manufacturers to work collaboratively to reduce costs
   and increase accessibility.
3. Implement strong monitoring and evaluation
   mechanisms to track vaccine distribution and
   ensure equitable access.

BACKGROUND

- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the
  need for equitable access to vaccines globally.
- Disparities in vaccination rates across countries
  have become apparent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Canadian government should take a
  leadership role in advocating for equitable
  access to vaccines at the international level.
- Support research and development of
  affordable vaccines for low-income countries.

CONCLUSION

- A global approach is necessary to ensure
  equitable access to vaccines.
- Collaboration between countries and
  pharmaceutical companies is essential.

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