



Office of the President of the Philippines

STATEMENT

The Philippines appreciates Russia's offer of cooperation to jointly combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Philippines stands ready to work with Russia on clinical trials, vaccine supply and production, and other areas deemed practicable by relevant Philippine and Russian agencies to address this global health emergency.

Like similar bilateral and multilateral arrangements, all cooperation initiatives will be consistent with protocols for testing and health standards.

International cooperation is key to effectively combat this global pandemic.

Consistent with the President's independent foreign policy, we continue to work with partners across the world to ensure access to safe vaccine. **END**