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I am pleased to write this letter of endorsement for the Essay written by **Ms. Devdatta Mukherjee** for the purpose of submitting as an entry for the **Bi-Annual Essay Competition being organized by The RP Anand Virtual Centre of International Law**. Ms. Mukherjee is currently a research scholar, reading for the M.Phil Degree in International Law at Jawaharlal Nehru University. As part of the academic requirements of the Degree, Ms. Mukherjee has audited, *inter alia*, the course on Law of International Organizations which I offer at the Centre.

The present Essay is entitled "*International Intellectual Property Regime and Public Health: Global Administrative Law as an Instrument of Resistance*". Dividing the Essay into five broad parts, and further sub-parts, the author examines and critiques the TRIPS Agreement, pointing to its perceived disregard of larger public health concerns, such as access to essential medicines. Through an assessment of the scheme of protection of patents in essential drugs under the WTO regime, the author points to the inadequacies thereof in addressing the global health crises, especially in the developing and the least developed countries. Considering the difficulties of ushering in substantive and radical changes in the existing global regime(s), the writer explores the literature(s) of, and discourse on, Global Administrative Law in order to advance proposals for the effective use of existing procedural flexibilities under the TRIPS Agreement with a view to deepen the concerns of global public health, especially in developing countries.

The essay is an earnest attempt to make a beginning in grappling with a major issue of global governance through a novel, disciplinary approach by a young scholar. I am, therefore, happy to recommend the Essay for the prestigious Essay Competition, and wish her all the best.

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