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Vergaderplaats Kamer Minister Bruins

Paraaf directeur Paraaf DGLZ

1 Aanleiding en doel overleg

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2 Deelnemers overleg

The Ambassador of China
XU Hong
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative
of China to the OPCW

Netherlands Minister of Medical Care and Sport
H.E. mr. drs. Bruno Bruins

Chinese delegation

1. Ms. (10)(2e), (10)(2e)
2. Mr. (10)(2e), Attache
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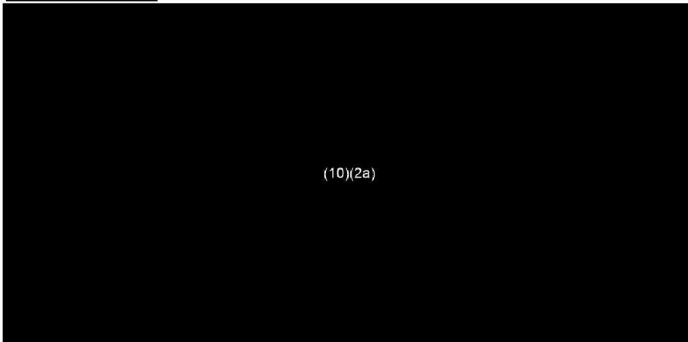
(10)(2e) (VWS Medewerker Kabinet en Protocol, 06- (10)(2e))
accompanies the delegation to the room of Minister Bruins.

3 Te bespreken punten

2019-nCoV outbreak, Coronavirus

- Show of support
- **Gratitude for Repatriation**
- WHO praises: support for transparency
- Dutch support for WHO recommendations
- Request for relief goods (minBZ)
- Discrimination (news in de Telegraaf)

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Speaking points

Your Excellency, dear Ambassador,

- The outbreak of the coronavirus is now a public health emergency of international concern, but it is most definitely also a national public health crisis in your country, with almost 20,500 confirmed cases, over 23,000 suspected cases and more than 426 fatalities so far. **We wish you and the Chinese people strength as your country seeks to brave this outbreak.**
- We would also like to express our **sincerest gratitude for the excellent support the Chinese government has provided in the repatriation** of the 15 Dutch and 2 Chinese Citizens from Wuhan. The process went truly smoothly, which is praiseworthy *especially* considering the situation of the current crisis. It is reassuring to know we can count on China.
- The WHO has **praised China in its rapid and transparent response to this outbreak**, and the rapid sharing of knowledge on this new virus. This greatly facilitates the detection and therefore the study of the outbreak. We are confident that the Chinese government will continue to supply updates on the outbreak, and specifics on the nature and origin of the virus.

- It is this transparency and sharing of data that has enabled the rapid development of diagnostic capacities at our National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). And our country has really good capabilities, since **the Netherlands coordinates the 'emerging viruses laboratory preparedness and response network'** from the ECDC. **Overige diensten
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- **The Netherlands supports the WHO Emergency Committee recommendations.** Our national crisis coordination and outbreak management teams have been activated and are closely watching the developments with a calm and reasonable view. Our preparations include for example the coordination of options for quarantine and contact tracing, but the practical consequences of the PHEIC recommendations for the Netherlands appear to be limited. We are keen to take only measures that are evidence-based. **Kenmerk**
- Some newspapers have reported incidents of **discrimination against members of the Chinese community in the Netherlands**. This is of course completely unreasonable and intolerable. The Dutch government will do everything to avoid the stigmatization of our Chinese community.
- The Netherlands understand the great demand in China for **relief goods** such as personal protective equipment, and the EU has swiftly sent 12 tons of such equipment. Also, from the Netherlands, the **Philips Foundation** is donating medical supplies, medical equipment (including a CT scanner), and air purifiers to the rapidly built Thunder God Mountain Hospital in Wuhan city.
- If more **relief goods are requested of the Netherlands**, we are currently looking into how we could oblige, since the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the lead in this. It is not yet clear whether a surplus for such goods exists in the Netherlands, considering the domestic demand. Obviously, we are keen on bringing relief to the people of China in their current predicament.

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