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Een zin licht aangepast (others might follow past bij wat Hugo wil uitstralen)
Hierbij
Punt blijft overigens wel dat de DUI dan ook echt contact met AZ hebben gehad dat ook zij tekenen ;-) wellicht goed om bij Jens te dubbelchecken of alles is rondgekomen met AZ voor ieder spreekt. Ga er helemaal vanuit, maar willen no surprises etc
Groet, (10)(2e)

Dear colleagues,

Over the last couple of days the Netherlands, together with Germany, France and Italy have been working on an alliance, with the aim to come up with agreements with different pharmaceutical companies, in order to make sure Europe would have access to Covid-vaccins. A fundamental principle of the alliance is not to ensure vaccines for ourselves but to work on an opt-in basis, so all EU-member states can join the agreement reached and have affordable access. This is very important to us as members of our European Community.

We deemed this was necessary in the light of the severe effect on all our societies, but also world wide developments, in which different countries in the world were already engaging in cooperation agreements for Covid-vaccins.

In our eyes, swift action was needed.

In parallel, we have of course started conversations with the European Commission, so we could join our capacities in order to come with the best deals possible for the EU.

Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands have successfully closed a first agreement with AstraZeneca, and others might follow.

These agreements open the door for all of us to sign pre-procurement contracts for each of our countries, under the same conditions.

The intentions of the four countries of the Alliance are very much in line with todays proposals by the Commission.

However, at some important points we believe adjustments are needed. Especially in situations when other parties than the Commission can have the lead in closing a specific deal, with a collective goal in mind.

However, I believe this won't stop us from finding common ground.

I truly believe this cooperation is a show of strength for the European Union and it's member states and will pave the way for us all to gain acces to Covid-vaccins as soon as possible.

I thank you.