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Introduction

Following our consultation on May 26, we hereby send you, as agreed, our first response (10)(2a) This document could also be used as a basis for a broader discussion about the aspects we consider important in a contract. In addition, we will forward information from Johnson&Johnson separately.

We will start this memorandum with a number of topics on which we would like to make further agreements, so that we can accelerate our cooperation at the necessary speed.

Topics for conversation*1) Governance*

During our meeting we discussed that our nations will be involved on the basis of an equal partnership. We also agreed to define this collaboration more specifically on paper for our upcoming consultation. We hereby propose a brief adequate governance (please see attached overview) as a basis for this conversation. Among other things, the proposal assumes that each country has a support team. We propose that this team will look at the financial and legal aspects, but can also provide a professional assessment of the clinical data supporting the choice to pursue an agreement.

2) Due diligence

Knowing the urgency and the need to be able to make choices quickly, we would like to define how we shape the due diligence process. Depending on the form of financing we use, this can be a more or less in-depth process. The type of auditor's report that is already available also determines the depth. We would like to discuss how we combine the desired tempo with a solid consideration.

3) Review of clinical data

Our National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) has made an indication of promising vaccine developments based on available data. The companies we discussed earlier this week are part of the leading group in that analysis. At the same time, we would like to validate the most recent clinical data when entering into an agreement. How can we design this efficiently? In any case,

we will of course ensure that the necessary scientific knowledge is available in the Netherlands.

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4) *Legal*

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We have already confirmed that agreements must of course be legally correct for all four countries. We can also consider broader legal issues when discussing the contract of AstraZeneca. A matter for consideration is to use Belgian law (like other EU-contracts) under Brussels jurisdiction.

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