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The Netherlands supports the need for international cooperation and solidarity in combatting Covid-19. The sharing of knowledge, intellectual property and data can play an important role in the development of vaccines or treatments that are affordable and accessible to all people in the world. This is especially true for knowledge that is created with public funding. This sharing must, in order to be effective, have a voluntary basis. We must realize that we need the industry. Their capacity to innovate, their expertise in development, production and distribution of vaccines and treatments and their willingness to take risks must be valued alongside international cooperation and the sharing of knowledge. The main goal that we all want to achieve is a vaccine or treatment that is affordable and accessible to us all. An innovation model based on the pooling of knowledge, is next to possible alternative models, a valuable instrument to pursue that aim.



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