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Dear Commissioner Kyriakides, dear Stella,
Dear Minister Spahn, dear Jens,

The Netherlands would like to thank the Commission and Germany for their constructive work on the procurement of Covid-19 vaccines and for your initiative to coordinate the top-up of the ESI-budget and vaccine procurement process. Being one of the four members of the Inclusive Vaccine Alliance, the Netherlands strongly supports the strategy regarding the building of a broad portfolio of promising Covid-19-vaccines as elaborated in the Communication on the EU Vaccines Strategy. It is important to ensure a sufficient and quick delivery of a safe and effective vaccine, for the EU and for the world. The last couple of months have shown that the hard work of the Commission in this regards has been efficient and very successful.

As I have stressed during the Informal Meeting of the Health Council on September 4, 2020, the Netherlands has always stressed its commitment to contribute with additional budgetary means. Therefore, in response to your request of September 10th, 2020 for an additional financial contribution to cover the upfront costs in order to be able to extend the existing portfolio and secure or finance further APA's, I can confirm that the Netherlands is willing to commit to the top-up of the ESI budget and to pay its share of necessary additional funding.

Yours sincerely,

Hugo de Jonge
Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport