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Terugkoppeling van het gesprek 2 weken geleden. To be continued.

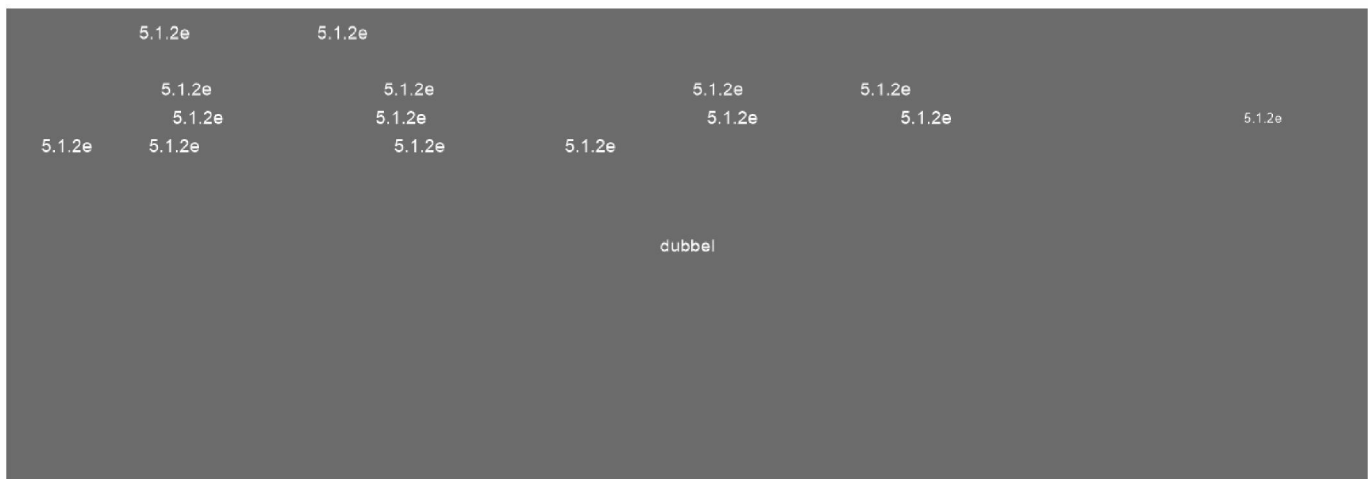
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Yesterday's meeting with the French went very well. Both sides agreed that despite our two parts, we are one island, therefore the need for coordination of approaches to combatting COVID-19 is paramount. Both sides praised the continued technical work of the two health agencies and happy to note that they have been working diligently based on the parameters of the MOU. Director of the Regional Health Agency Valerie Denux stressed that finding common reference points/indicators was important to collectively addressing the pandemic. Both sides agreed to this and the agencies will intensify their cooperation for the following two purposes:

- Determine points of alignment for the establishment of common reference points and indicators.
- Undertake research for the realization of a joint testing center (two areas identified during meeting)

Both agencies aim to present their results by next week Friday, October 2nd. Prime Minister sent a letter yesterday evening thanking the Prefet for convening the meeting and reiterated that addressing the pandemic together pandemic is best for the long-term health and socio-economic relationship between our two sides . In addition, she expressed her desire that the two initiatives may help to create the necessary framework that will assist in mitigating future ad-hoc border closures and support a collective approach to containment during the upcoming tourism season.

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