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Super dit! Laat het verder aan jullie tweeen.

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Hoi [5.1.2e]

Zie onder. Het verzoek om via het International Horizon Scanning Initiative een monitor op tekorten maatregelen op te zetten is uit, ik verwacht dat ze morgen OK geven en dan met de uitvraag kunnen starten.

We moeten het lijstje vragen even goed scherp krijgen dat we wekelijks of tweewekelijks door IHSI laten opvragen en waar we hopelijk eind deze week een eerste overzicht van krijgen.

Dit zijn de hoofdvragen die ik me kon voorstellen, kunnen we even brainstormen op basis van de informatiebehoefte die jij nu ziet?

- Are there CURRENT shortages nationally as a result of COVID-19 situation and if so, which products?
  - Due to stronger demand in the treatment of COVID-19
  - Due to production or import stagnation
- Are there shortages EXPECTED and if so, when will they occur?
- What is the reason for those expected shortages?
- What are the policy measures that are taken to address the shortages?
- Are there national limitations imposed on exporting or producing drugs?
  - including limitations on parallel trade

Groeten,

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**Van:** [5.1.2e]  
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A message to the board of directors:

Dear colleagues,

First of all I hope that you and your family are in good health!

Given the speed of the developments in the availability of protective equipment and the fears for shortages of pharmaceutical products, many countries are taking measures to ensure the supply and/or pricing of pharmaceuticals (and medical devices).

In order to be able to act more effectively in cases of shortages, or expected shortages, The Netherlands would highly value a day-to-day insight in the policy and market development regarding pharmaceuticals in other countries so that measures taken in other countries or market developments will not surprise us and force us to act in the dark.

Such a monitoring and sharing of information would be lean and require minimal reporting from countries. Ideally, IHSI could fulfill that role and collect and aggregate the information for all 9 member countries. I have invited [5.1.2e], from Gesundheit Österreich and [5.1.2e] to collaborate on this, given the fact that she has contacts with many non-IHSI countries.

In short, it would require setting up a lean, low-threshold information sharing on potential shortages among interested countries. In this current situation, it would be very helpful to have a daily exchange of information on several items:

- Are there currently shortages nationally as a result of COVID-19 situation?
- Are there shortages EXPECTED and if so, when will they occur?
- What is the reason for those shortages?
- What are the policy measures that will be taken to address the shortages?
- Are there national limitations imposed on exporting or producing drugs?

We would see this as a close match to IHSI's foreseen activities and therefore propose that IHSI secretariat take up this task. Given the current developments, it would be perfect if monitoring activities, starting with a short base line questionnaire and outreach to the countries could take place at the end of this week already.

Thank's for your help!

All the best and stay healthy,

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