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Subject: Letter of intent to become a signatory of the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures

Dear 5.1.2e

Considering the extremely difficult challenges all countries are facing due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Republic of Serbia has undertaken a vast number of measures in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic so as to protect its citizens and the economy. The relevant institutions of the Republic of Serbia are in constant action in order to secure the supply of necessary medical equipment, medicines and services, with the goal of providing needed medical care for persons infected with the Covid 19, and prevent further spread of the virus.

Bearing this in mind, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, I hereby inform you of Serbia's intention to become a signatory of the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures. To this end, we will undertake all the necessary steps in the process of joining the Joint Procurement Agreement, and the Ministry of Finance has been designated to fulfil all the obligations of the Republic of Serbia in this regard.

We appreciate very much the opportunity provided by the European Union to participate in the Joint Procurement Agreement in such a critical moment for the EU member states, Western Balkan Region and the European Commission. I believe that joint European action is now needed more than ever, and that with the swift action on both sides, we can make it possible for the Republic of Serbia to be an important partner in the Joint Procurement Agreement as soon as possible.

