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Single Market

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Dear Minister,

Following the European Council, the heads of states and government have tasked the European Commission to provide an overview of stocks, production and imports of medical equipment and devices necessary to face this crisis. On this basis, the Commission will be able to take action, in coordination with and in support of Member States, to improve the situation.

We would like to thank you for the support shown so far. To be able to deliver on the request of the European Council though, it is important that Member States share consolidated data on a regular basis (at least weekly), especially on needs, products procured and potential gaps.

To guarantee efficiency, the Commission has set up a dedicated structure within its organisation, lead by 5.1.2e (contact: 6.1.2e @ec.europa.eu ). Please also designate a point of contact within your ministries, to streamline necessary reporting lines, methodology and working arrangements. This is a necessary condition for the Commission to be able to take this work forward.

An excellent coordination among Member States and the European level is essential at all times, but even more so in this period of crisis. We really count on your cooperation to collectively deliver on the tasks of the European Council.

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