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Dear colleagues,

Thank you again for the timely and relevant informal EU health ministers meeting of last Friday. With regards to your distributed document I would like to inform you on the following.

A coordinated approach to quarantine- and test regimes

During the meeting, as to our understanding, there was a rather broad agreement with regards to the need for a common framework on quarantine and testing measures for travelers from high risk areas, based on scientific evidence, while duly allowing national specificities (availability, social acceptance, epidemiological situation) to be taken into account.

There was, as we recall no overall support for harmonizing a specific duration of quarantine or testing strategy. We would appreciate if the draft conclusions you distributed reflect this.

Furthermore, The Netherlands urged for coordination regarding quarantine policy regarding specific groups, like sports people, business people and people working in the cultural sector.

Procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and its financing

With regard to the procurement and financing of vaccines, we would once again express our support of the 6 + 1 agreements. Our minister has confirmed that The Netherlands is prepared to make an additional necessary financial contribution, to top up the ESI-budget, in order to realize this broad portfolio.

Our preference is to share the extra means proportionately over all EU member states, but are interested in possible alternative solutions as well. For example one in which member states only need to contribute when they have an interest in a broad portfolio (when they participate in three vaccine deals or more).

Furthermore we can support the draft conclusions you compiled, as they reflect the discussion correctly.

Best,

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