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## GAVI, the Vaccin Alliance

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By email

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Dear 5.1.2e

On 31 August The Netherlands expressed its interest in joining COVAX, indicating it will be part of the "Team Europe" contribution together with the European Commission and all EU MS to the global efforts to secure a safe and efficient vaccine for all

The European Union and The Netherlands are mobilizing an unprecedented number of resources to manage and overcome the global coronavirus emergency. On vaccines, we are funding R&D and making available to the global scientific community the results of this research The Netherlands is purchasing doses for The Netherlands citizens through the EU portfolio with more of six vaccine producers through advanced purchase agreements.

Following The Netherlands expression of interest on 31 August, today I would like to confirm our full participation in all stages of the COVAX Facility, contributing to the upfront investment and risk-sharing to scale up manufacturing and advance agreements with companies.

The Netherlands together with the European Commission and the other EU Member States in a "Team Europe" spirit will join as participant of the "Self-Financing" pillar, including participation in the Shareholders Council, allocation and product groups. The Team Europe contribution will consist on €230 million in cash through a loan from the European Investment Bank backed by the same amount in guarantees provided by the EU budget. This contribution is complemented with the remaining amount in financial guarantees from the EU budget.

The €230 million contribution is equivalent to reserves / options to buy 88 million doses<sup>1</sup>. The 88 million options on doses will be transferred to eligible AMC countries.

<sup>1</sup> This is a notional number resulting from a share of 10% of the EU population under the assumption of a two-dose regimen.

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These countries will, therefore, benefit from this advance payment to be deducted and refunded in future donations to the AMC countries including both the EU and EU Member States.

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The Netherlands has been closely involved in negotiations with companies in building the EU's vaccines portfolio. Our experts are ready to participate in APA talks and help the COVAX Facility negotiate the best deals with vaccine producers.

We remain concerned about the necessity to ensure equitable access to affordable vaccines for Low and Middle Income Countries as soon as there is a safe and effective vaccine. It requires substantial financial support. For such support to materialize, it is vital that the contractual provisions, including prices, delivery schedules and indemnification requirements be expeditiously defined through negotiations with the vaccine producers.

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