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Dank nog (10)(2e)
 Er is idd van alles in beweging, dat maakt het juist nu lastig om een eensluidend en actueel beeld te houden. Fijn als jij vanuit Geneve hier ook aan kan bijdragen.

Mbt bezoek van aantal Nlse parlementariërs aan WHO in september: lopen dit soort bezoeken normaal gesproken niet altijd via de Nlse ambassade? Fijn dat je ons op de hoogte houdt.

Hgr, (10)(2e)

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Beste (10)(2e)

Hieronder een email met informatie over de COVAX facility en een mogelijk bezoek van Parlementariërs uit NL. GAVI is niet van een bezoek op de hoogte. Ook bij WHO heb ik nagevraagd, daar krijg ik na het weekend meer informatie over. In ieder geval is onderstaande ontwikkeling voor EU en COVAX relatie interessant. Er is van alles in beweging zichtbaar.

Groet, en fijn weekend. Monique

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Dear (10)(2e)

Thank you so much for the latest news on this. Hopefully things progress positively!

Have a nice weekend. (10)(2e)

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Dear (10)(2e)

Thank you very much for your email.

Since (10)(2e)'s presentation on 13 August, things have progressed at the speed of light. It is sometimes hard to keep track, even for me who sit in the middle of it all. You might be aware that one of the key issues being discussed is whether or not EU Member States can be part of the COVAX Facility. This issue is still under discussion and I believe an idea for a model that could work for all parties is currently being deliberated on. This will have an impact on the whole Facility. As the discussions are ongoing, I can't really comment on that, but I do believe that a document will be shared shortly that addresses these issues. However, as I understand the current discussions, the solution is likely to affect costs. I can therefore also not comment on the costs questions you raise (but your calculations seem to be fair, based on the 13 August presentation) as these are likely to change.

From our last conversation, one of the challenges is that NL has not sent an Expression of Interest letter on the Facility, which prevented you from taking part in the consultation call on 11 August. I sincerely hope that I will be in a position to share with you documents as soon as they are available.

But one thing is clear, a donor can be part of the COVAX AMC without taking part in the COVAX Facility, and we very much appreciate the €0.2 million commitment to this effect from NL.

Regarding your question on Dutch MPs, I was supposed to come to NL on 7-8 September to meet with MPs among others. This travel has unfortunately been cancelled due to the situation. We will be keeping most of the meeting, doing the virtually, including with your Covid Envoy, (10)(2e), as well as other Ministry of Health representatives. The meeting is scheduled for Monday 7 September at 11. The focus of this, and other meetings, will naturally be on COVAX and to support me in this, Daniel Thornton, one of our leads on this topic will also join to answer technical questions.

- I need to find out why BPRA has been in touch with you on this as we do not have a relationship with them. I will get back to you on this.

I am sorry that I have not been able to be more helpful than this. I sincerely hope that we will have more information over the weekend that will be able to shed more light on where we are. Please bear with us on this.

I wish you a nice and relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

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Dear (10)(2e),

In the meantime, there was a Member State Briefing at WHO on 13 August, and (10)(2e) gave a presentation with the latest on the COVAX facility ([\(10\)\(2e\)](https://(10)(2e)))

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I noticed it reflected and confirmed a few issues which were discussed earlier. Such as that a country can participate in COVAX AMC without participating in COVAX facility. And that there is no difference in price per dose for HICs and LICs. If MICs would have to contribute a part of the price is still to be determined.

After the briefing I included in my minutes to the Ministry of Health as well as to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a calculation of what a participation to the COVAX Facility would mean for the Netherland, I should have verified this calculation with you beforehand, but hopefully it is never too late.

Based on page 19 of (10)(2e) presentation, may I ask you if this calculation would be correct?

- Average cost of one dose is USD 0.25 (may get less, or more, depending on which vaccines is going to be effective and chosen by the country).
- Suppose NL procures for 0.2% of its 18 million population = 0.036 million (allowing some wastage of 0.2% - for about 0.036 million people x 0.25 USD (assuming 2 doses) = USD 0.009 million.
- Upfront payment by 15 September = 0.2% = USD 0.036 million

Another question is whether Dutch parliamentarians have been in touch with you for a visit somewhere in September.

Our Ministry of Health was informed by this Advocacy and Communication agency for Health, BPRA and its Director (10)(2e) about these plans (see link to BPRA in Dutch :)

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that there would be plans for a discussion on COVID-19 with WHO and GAVI. Have you been informed about this as well?

Thanks for your response to both questions.

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Hello Tormod,

Well understood.

Best,
Hannah

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Onderwerp: Covax Facility

Dear (10)(2e) and (10)(2e)

I have received feedback on the meeting tomorrow. Unfortunately it is a closed meeting only for countries that have sent in an expression of interest. I'm very sorry, but it will not be possible for you to attend as observers.

Sincerely,

(10)(2e)

Sent from my iPhone

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