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Ursula von der Leyen The President

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Dear President, dear Roberto

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Members of the Vaccine Contact Group who are also Members of the COVI Committee receive the documents that were transmitted to the Parliament on the basis of the agreement with former President Sassoli. Your letter also requests that the Members of the COVI Committee be granted access to all documents related to the preliminary negotiations on the procurement contracts for vaccines, in particular in relation to the third contract with BioNTech/Pfizer.

I am pleased to inform you that Commission services have informed the companies concerned and provided further clarifications. The COVID-19 vaccine contracts will now be made available to allow access in accordance with your request. Similar arrangements will be organised for COVID-19 therapeutics contracts.

The documents should be made available for access in a secure reading room, for a limited period of time, in line with the provisions under points 3.2.3. and 3.3. of Annex II to the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission. It will be of the utmost importance that the European Parliament takes all the necessary measures, in accordance with our Framework Agreement, in order to preserve confidentiality.

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As regards the documents related to the preliminary negotiations on the procurement contracts for vaccines, Commission services have been working to identify the relevant documents, to be provided under the same confidentiality arrangements

Yours faithfully,

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Ursula von der Leyen

Please find enclosed the reply to your letter of 06/03/2023 addressed to the President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen.

Kind regards,

European Commission Secretariat-General President's Mail Team