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Dear colleagues,

Below you will find the communication and the document on the international flights contact tracing and follow-up, shared by Spain.

Kind regards,

HSC Secretariat

Dear HSC Secretariat,

This is to inform that we are considering to halt international travellers contact tracing and follow-up in our territory. So far, no in-flight transmission has been detected since the surveillance system is in place (23rd may), probably due to the use of masks in the plane and the application of other prevention and control measures at the airports and during flights. This evidence, together with the stress it represents for the Health System, and even more with the current incidence level, made us consider following-up close contacts of these travellers is unlikely to be cost-effective and it drains human resources from other public health activities. Please, find attached a document with further information supporting this position.

We will keep on identifying contacts residents in other countries and will send all details for them to carry out the follow-up as we are doing at this moment.

We would appreciate very much if you could share this mail and the attached document with all member of the HSC in order to inform them and have their feedback about this decision.