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Dear President Von Der Leyen,

As I explained to you in a letter on the last 27<sup>th</sup> of October, we are finishing the works on the Hospital Nurse Isabel Zendal, our emergency and pandemics center that will be integrated into the Spanish Public Healthcare System and will help us to manage the Covid19 pandemic until scientific find an effective vaccine.

I am confident that this public hospital is a good only not only for Madrid Region and Spain but also for Europe. It has 1.000 hospital beds and 50 intensive care unit (ICU) beds that will cover any health care that people from Madrid, Spain, and European visitors need.

We built it with every lesson learned in Ifema. That is why it is explicitly designed to face situations like the Covid19 pandemic or natural disasters but it will also be used when the healthcare system needs more capacity.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that it is built next to Madrid Barajas, something unprecedented that illustrates our vision of a joint fight against this virus, with the right tools to front it ensuring cohesion between countries.

The Government of Madrid Region thinks that health is a global challenge, especially in a context like this one.

That is why we are proud to announce that the inauguration will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, and I would like to invite you as the highest authority of the European Union project.

The Ifema hospital surprised experts all over the world. Now, I can say that Hospital Nurse Isabel Zendal has been an even more ambitious challenge for Madrid Region. And we achieved it, in just 3 months, thanks to the efforts of 70 companies that made available for this project more than 1.350 workers and some of the best engineers across the country.

We are living difficult times, but together we will overcome them. The Public Hospital Isabel Zendal is open for any European that needs it, and we would like to share our satisfaction and wishes with you next 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

Yours faithfully,

Isabel Díaz Ayuso  
President of Madrid Region