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Dear Members of the Health Security Committee,
Dear colleagues,

As announced in the draft agenda shared today for the next HSC call this Thursday, we would like to discuss 3 topics included in the Commission Communication on short term EU health preparedness: Stress tests, supply of MCM and seasonal influenza.

To this end, please find below a list of questions that will be used as guiding points for the discussion next Thursday.

Questions on Stress test:

- We understand that most countries did not implement this action item in the last months. However, does your country have plans to implement stress test in the future in relation to contact tracing or other areas?
- At the same time, some countries advised that stress tests on specific structures, such as contact tracing systems, were undertaken. Could you provide more details and where applicable, any conclusions of these stress tests?

Action items:

- **Run scenario-based national stress tests for contact tracing systems, testing capacities and testing deployment (Member States)**

Questions on Supply:

- At the moment does your country have any further needs in medical countermeasures? Are there any bottlenecks that have been identified? If yes, please share this within the HSC.
- Has your country implemented any changes in the monitoring of medical countermeasures at national level and ensuring deployment of needed medical countermeasures?

Action items:

- **Support equitable access and deployment of needed medical countermeasures**
- **Monitor access, availability and risks of shortages of medical countermeasures and their key ingredients and components (European Commission, European Medicines Agency & Member States)**
- **Increase capacity and speed up certification and conformity assessment of products to be placed on the market while ensuring safety, accuracy and conformity with EU standards (Member States)**

Questions on Influenza:

- What are your country's plan to increase influenza vaccination coverage? Please provide an update on this action item – when will vaccination campaigns start? Which are the main target groups?

- Are the needs for influenza vaccines covered? What steps has been taken to procure additional influenza vaccines, if applicable?
- How are vaccination infrastructures for seasonal influenza adapting to the COVID-19 outbreak setting? Does your country have any specific guidance / guidelines that could be shared with the HSC?

Action items:

- **Increase influenza vaccination coverage: anticipated start for vaccination campaigns and broadening of target groups (Member States)**
- **Ensure additional national procurements for influenza vaccines (e.g. through excess supply production) (Member States)**
- **Prepare adapted vaccination infrastructures for seasonal influenza in a COVID-19 outbreak setting (e.g. to cater to potentially larger seasonal influenza vaccination uptake) (Member States)**

Thank you for your contribution.

Best regards,
HSC Secretariat