

The President

Ms Kathleen Van Brempt
Chair
Special Committee on COVID-19
European Parliament

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Dear Chair,

I am writing to you in relation to your recent exchange with the Classified Information Unit concerning access to documents relating to the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines and in response to your letter dated 15 November 2022 requesting the European Commission's transparency regarding the negotiations of the Advance Purchase Agreements.

The agreement between President Sassoli and President von der Leyen regarding access to documents for Members of the Vaccine Contact Group relating to the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines has lapsed. Therefore, the provisions included in that agreement are no longer in force. Consequently, in order to ensure full compliance with relevant legal obligations, I will send a request to the President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, to consent to prolong the access for Members of the Vaccine Contact Group that are also Members of the Special Committee to the documents that were transferred to the Parliament in October 2021.

In the same letter, I will request access to all documents related to the preliminary negotiations for the procurement agreements for vaccines, with particular emphasis on the third contract with Pfizer/BioNTech for the Members of the Special Committee on COVID-19. This request will be broad in scope, and include *inter alia* the meeting minutes, briefings, and memos relevant to the contract negotiations.

I would like to assure you that you will be informed about any further developments without delay.

Yours sincerely,



Roberta Metsola