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to the Commission
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Subject: Coronavirus: purchase of vaccines by the Commission

Even though the European Medicines Agency has not yet approved the vaccines, the Commission has already signed contracts to buy several hundreds of millions of doses without knowing how effective they will be, nor their side effects.

To govern is to anticipate, and if these vaccines really are effective, then these doses will be most welcome. Nonetheless, democracy demands full transparency concerning these contracts signed with pharmaceutical companies. Can the Commission answer the following three questions on this subject, therefore:

1. What is the exact cost of the orders placed by the Commission, and what will be the cost to the Member States, and France in particular?
2. What guarantees regarding criminal and legal liability can the contracts signed with the laboratories offer the French people?
3. When will these contracts be published?