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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Public Health (General) Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (General)
Subject:	Meeting of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices and the Working Party on Public Health on 1 September 2020 - Flash from the Presidency

Delegations will find enclosed the Presidency Flash for the joint meeting of the Working Parties on Public Health and on Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices that will take place on 1 September 2020. The draft agenda is set out in CM 3289/20.

DE Presidency Flash

Meeting of the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices

Tuesday, 1 September 2020 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Brussels, 26 August 2020

Dear colleagues,

We hereby invite you to the eighth Working Party meeting under the German Presidency. Formally, it will be a joint meeting of the Working Party on Public Health and the Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices, but the main emphasis is on the Pharma side. It is scheduled as a full day physical meeting starting at 9.30 a.m. and ending approximately at 6 p.m. with a lunch break between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The provisional agenda of the meeting was circulated yesterday as document CM 3289/20.

During the morning session we plan an exchange on future working methods of the Working Parties in the light of the development of COVID-19.

Afterwards we will resume the discussions on the proposal on health technology assessment (HTA) and amending Directive 2011/24/EC. On the basis of a discussion paper from the Presidency (document 10239/20, issued today) we intend to discuss scenarios on how to achieve that health technology developers fulfil information requests for joint clinical assessments in a timely fashion. The aim of the session is to debate which scenario should be best integrated into the regulation.

Directly after the lunch break - around 2:30 pm - and at the request of some delegations we will receive information from the Commission as an AOB about the interplay between the ESI-based vaccine advance purchase agreements and the COVAX facility regarding COVID-19 vaccine procurement and you will be able to ask questions.

Afterwards we will continue discussions on EU-HTA.

In case there are any other points that you would like to raise under AOB, we kindly ask you to inform the Presidency ([REDACTED]) and the Council Secretariat in advance [REDACTED].

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Inspired by the well-known “Interview ohne Worte” of the Süddeutsche Zeitung, we have decided to start our own version of the Interview and to present the Brussels based German Presidency Health Team to you.

Question 8: What’s your favourite book?

