

9 June, 2020

Her Excellency
Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission

Dear Ms. President,

At our last meeting in the European Council, some member states emphasised the need for stronger European cooperation in order to ensure better preparedness in Europe for future health pandemics in light of the experiences with COVID-19.

Therefore, we are pleased to be able to share the attached non-paper with you on behalf of Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France and Poland. The paper attempts to zoom in on some of the key parameters for building up EU's long-term resilience to contain future pandemics and avoid shortcomings of critical supply. The ideas include a wide range of measures including accessibility of relevant and comparable data, stronger and more targeted research and development, common procurement and cooperation on critical stocks as well as some ideas to strengthen European resilience in certain, critical supply chains.

We hope that the paper can serve as an inspiration for fruitful, further discussions at European level on how to ensure the EU's preparedness for future pandemics.

Yours Sincerely,

Mette Frederiksen, Mateusz Morawiecki,
Emmanuel Macron, Angela Merkel,
Pedro Sánchez, Sophie Wilmès