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Brasília, 15 de fevereiro de 2021.

To Mr.
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Pune 411028. India

Subject: COVID-19. COVIDSHIELD vaccine. New acquisition of 2 million doses. Expedited shipping.

Dear Mr. Adar Poonawalla,

On behalf of the Brazilian government, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the good and well-established relationship between FIOCRUZ and the Serum Institute of India. This relationship has been helping to immunize Brazil's population against infectious diseases for years, and now it again is central to immunizing against COVID-19.

In this context, the Ministry of Health of Brazil and FIOCRUZ are happy to confirm payment of an additional 2 million doses of COVIDSHIELD. This is the first installment in the agreement struck between Brazil and AstraZeneca to purchase 10 million doses of SII's COVID-19 vaccine, in order to ensure the continuation of Brazil's immunization campaign.

We kindly request that such doses be shipped to Brazil with all possible urgency, ideally before February 22, in order to prevent gaps in the vaccination schedule in Brazil. Millions of individuals in risk groups have already been immunized and millions more are on the waiting list, anxious to receive the vaccine and return to their regular lives.

We also kindly request SII to provide a delivery schedule of the remaining 8 million doses, which Brazil expects to come in March 2021 as authorized in writing by AstraZeneca. With the schedule in hand, we stand ready to provide SII the necessary proof of payment for such doses, in order to ensure shipment is not delayed.

Please accept our votes of highest appreciation and wishes that the relationship between SII and Brazil's National Immunization Programme continue to be long and fruitful.

Best regards,

NÍSIA TRINDADE LIMA
President of FIOCRUZ

EDUARDO PAZUELLO
Minister of Health of Brazil



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