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Subject: mRNA-1273 vaccine against Covid-19.

Dear Vice-President,

1. Thank you for giving your attention to our meeting today, March 5, 2021, in which we discussed the possibility of Brazil's Ministry of Health purchasing the mRNA-1273 immunizer. I want to express our sincere interest in following up on the negotiations for the acquisition of the vaccine in order to include it in Brazil's National Vaccination Operationalization Plan against Covid-19 (PNO).
2. As I had the opportunity to mention during the meeting, the success of our negotiations depends essentially on three factors: schedule, price, and effectiveness.
3. As you mentioned, Moderna recommends the use of its vaccine in priority risk groups, especially elderly people over 80. Bearing this in mind, the schedule currently offered by the company, which provides for deliveries only from July 2021, is not in line with the PNO, because the aforementioned priority groups are likely to have already been vaccinated in Brazil. In this context, I would be very grateful to receive from Moderna a more ambitious schedule of deliveries.
4. With regard to price, I recall that Brazil to date has signed purchase agreements with multinational pharmaceutical companies for delivery of more than 180 million doses by July 2021, with prices ranging between US \$ 3.30 and US \$ 15.00. Please also note that Brazil is using as reference the price estimated by the Covax Facility in 2020 of US \$ 10.00 per dose. Therefore, I would be very grateful to receive from Moderna, if possible, a new price proposal that takes into account the reality of Brazil, the quantity to be acquired by the country, and the delivery schedule, which again we would appreciate be expedited.
5. Finally, I cannot fail to mention the importance for this Ministry to receive concrete data on the effectiveness of the mRNA-1273 immunizer for variants circulating in Brazil, especially the VOC P1.
6. I also request that you send us a draft contract proposal, so that we can begin to discuss legal issues.

7. I am sure that once these challenges have been settled, the Ministry of Health and Moderna may sign a mutually beneficial contract that will allow us to save lives and contain the most acute phase of the pandemic.

Best regards,

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Vice Minister of Health



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