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Dear Sir,

1. Brazil is currently facing a critical moment in the COVID-19 pandemic. The vaccination against COVID-19 is the central strategy of the Ministry of Health, reason why we already vaccinated 12 million people so far.
2. In this context, and taking into account the contract signed between the Brazilian government and Bharat Biotech, through Precisa Medicamentos, on February 25, 2021, on the procurement of the vaccine COVAXIN/BBV152, to be delivered in five lots of 4 (four) million doses, I would kindly ask to evaluate the possibility of anticipating the maximum possible number of doses to Brazil, ideally supplying 10 (ten) million doses already in the first batch, during this month of March 2021.
3. The vaccination of the Brazilian people has the potential to contain the transmission of the new coronavirus and its variants, to save lives and to minimize social and economic impacts in Brazil. Brazil needs support to strengthen the immunization against Covid-19 with a view to avoid the resurgence of the pandemic and the proliferation of new variants.

Yours sincerely,

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