



# Minister of Health Republic of Poland

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Mr Arūnas Dulkys  
Minister of Health  
Republic of Lithuania

Dear Minister,

taking into account public health safety, the Polish Ministry of Health must take measures to ensure the availability of XBB1.5 variant vaccines to the public. However, considering the extreme circumstances in which Poland found itself providing full support to the Ukrainian side and, above all, providing shelter to Ukrainian citizens fleeing war to Poland, we decided to declare the occurrence of force majeure in order to limit the damage caused by its effects and to avoid or minimise delays in the performance of our obligations affected by force majeure. The above makes it impossible to implement the EU contracts as they have been implemented so far. In view of the above, I kindly ask you to donate the adapted Nuvaxovid vaccines targeting the XBB.1.5 variant to the Republic of Poland represented by the Minister of Health. We will do our utmost to ensure that all formalities are completed in accordance with the APA concluded with Novavax, as soon as possible. The donation from Lithuania will allow the uninterrupted implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Poland, so I count on your full understanding of Poland's emergency situation. The cooperation in the European arena to date in connection with EU contracts for the purchase of vaccines allows me to express my sincere hope for your approval of the solution involving the free donation of vaccines. At the same time, I declare my readiness to cooperate between our ministries not only in the field of COVID-19, but also in the broader area of health.

Best regards

Izabela Leszczyna  
Minister of Health  
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