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Relocation of the European Medicines Agency

Dear Joan,

Thank you very much for our productive meeting back in February. Since then our work on the relocation of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has progressed.

As I also underlined at our meeting, it is our view that the relocation of EMA should be based on ambitious objective criteria in order to ensure that the best possible decision is made – to the benefit of European public health.

It is our expectation that formal discussions about the criteria will begin next week and that the criteria will be formalised during the European Council on June 22 – 23.

Although there is general agreement that we need to ensure the future functionality of EMA, I fear that the criteria will not be ambitious enough and will not take into account the specific needs of EMA, such as the local scientific community and possibilities for recruiting new staff in light of the likely loss of staff during the move from London.

I hope that you share our interest in ambitious objective criteria and you will be willing to approach the European Commission stressing the importance of taking into account the specific needs of EMA. I sincerely believe it would be to the benefit of all – not least European public health if we are ambitious in this regard.

Best regards,



Lars Rebien Sørensen

Special Envoy of the campaign to bring EMA to Copenhagen #EMA2CPH