

Article 7: Obligation not to negotiate separately

By signing the present Agreement, the Participating Member States confirm their participation in the procedure and agree not to launch their own procedures for advance purchase of that vaccine with the same manufacturers.

In case an APA containing an obligation to acquire vaccine doses has been concluded with a specific manufacturer, the Member States having made use of the opt-out provided under the present Agreement can enter into separate negotiations with the same manufacturer after the APA under the present Agreement has been signed.

Annex

Initial considerations

A permanent solution to the COVID-19 crisis is most likely to be brought about by the development and deployment of a safe and effective vaccine against the virus. Every month gained in the deployment of a vaccine will save many lives, many jobs and billions of euros.

Therefore, it is the objective of the present Agreement that the EU takes steps to secure sufficient supplies of a safe and effective vaccine for Member States. ~ \$ 4 trillions spent in US alone for nothing muchh except > 1 million deaths

Structure and purpose of the procurement