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*“Dear Coordinators,*

*Dear Colleagues,*

*On behalf of Mr. Liese, we would like to ask to add to the next ENVI coordinator agenda a discussion on a possible own-initiative report on medicine shortages.*

*In the past few months, there have been several cases of medicine shortages all over Europe, such as in the Netherlands, Belgium, Poland and Italy. This problem is partly due to our dependence on raw materials from medicine producers outside Europe, mainly China and India. It's worrying that our chain of drug production is so dependent on the production of raw materials from a limited number of countries in other parts of the world. This is not only linked to the broader debate of access to medicines but is also associated with product quality problems, causing potentially a serious impact on human health. Several Member States, such as the Netherlands and France, have called for EU action.*

*Thank you!*

*Kindly”*