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**Subject:** FYI - Medicom messaging from OGDs

James, Cecely,

As requested, please find messaging below on Medicom from PHAC and GAC.

The messaging had been drafted in preparation of an interview with Minister Ng.

### PHAC proposed line

To date, we have not had any issues with the surgical masks that they have delivered from international sources, and it is anticipated that their domestic manufacturing capacity will come online in the next month or so.

### GAC proposed PPE lines

- Ensuring stability in the supply chains for PPE and medical equipment, including for other levels of government in Canada, is critical to success in the fight against COVID-19.
- Global Affairs Canada has mobilized its network from around the world to support Canada's efforts. This network includes the help of Canada's Trade Commissioners in more than 160 cities worldwide.
- Collaboration with other levels of government and with international partners is vital in order to facilitate the smooth export of essential goods and supplies procured by Canada during this ongoing crisis.
- Over the past few months Global Affairs Canada's Trade Commissioner Service:
  - Vetted thousands of international suppliers that were sent to Global Affairs Canada by Public Services and Procurement Canada.
  - Worked with Canadian companies to navigate Canadian standards and requirements for the importation of personal protective equipment and medical supplies.
  - Worked with Public Services and Procurement Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, and other partners to arrange and charter 101 cargo flights from Shanghai, China to transport medical supplies into Canada.
  - Supported Public Services and Procurement Canada in ordering millions of masks and other medical supplies from China and are seeking sources of supplies from other countries with the support of our missions around the world.
  - Supported Public Services and Procurement Canada in the procurement of millions of swabs and other medical supplies from around the world.
- Canada's Trade Commissioner Service has a dedicated Global Supply Coordination Team to help vet foreign personal protective equipment suppliers and identify new sources of supply for Canada.

Let me know if you have questions.

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