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Subject: Update: Joint interview with Ryan Tumilty (PSPC-ISED)

Good afternoon,

Here's a debrief of our conversation with ISED. Please let me know if you have questions.

- PSPC will lead. ISED is available to support.
- ISED : ADM Charles Vincent would like to open the discussion by talking about the "Made in Canada project." They want this discussion to be a good news story, have a chance talk about their role and the successes.
- ISED: their only spokesperson will be Charles Vincent, but **please note that ISED MO's press secretary, John Power, will be listening in on silent mode.**
- ISED would prefer the interview to happen Thursday, Aug. 27, in the morning, if possible. They provided time slots. **We are waiting on PSPC program to confirm time.**
- ISED & PSPC are ok with the interview being on background with attributable quotes. However, both PSPC and ISED would like to raise the risk/possibility that the reporter takes any quotes he wants. To mitigate, **PSPC will ask the reporter to attribute the quotes to PSPC officials or ISED officials.**
- PSPC's MO would like to have a discussion with the reporter after the joint interview. MO would then provide quotes from Min. Anand to the reporter. **MR will to inform the reporter in the next hours.**
- We will contact the reporter to let him know this will be a joint **background** interview with ISED and to send any ISED-related questions in advance.
- For PSPC, here is what the reporter provided:
I am working on a story about the challenges of procuring N95 masks.
I am hoping to talk to someone who could speak about the difficulty in acquiring them.
I know all PPE has been hard to locate this year, but my sense is the N95 poised some unique challenges.
Would like to speak to someone who can talk about the costs of acquiring them and how that has changed over the course of the pandemic. I'd like to speak with someone who can talk about these challenges, as well as the challenges of quality control with the masks, which I understood were a major issue early on with the KN95 masks from China.

Merci

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