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Yes to 1 & no to 2. Good for me if others are good.

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Have we received any other donations from other countries? Have we done public thanks for those donations?

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Hi all,

Just wanted to get everyone on a chain here. After QP, Amanda Connolly reached out asking why Minister Champagne had refused to thank Taiwan for the donation made to the Red Cross a week and a half ago.

Although we did not issue a message of thanks at the ministerial level, Canada's trade office in Taipei did a thank you post on Facebook at the time:

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=3471237009570104&id=228842363809601&tn\\_=%2As%2As-R](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3471237009570104&id=228842363809601&tn_=%2As%2As-R)

I have spoken to Eleanore and I understand that Minister Ng has a long-scheduled call with her Taiwanese counterpart later today to discuss another issue where she will also mention the donation and was planning to Tweet afterwards.

I am wondering if we could share this Facebook post with Amanda on background and say something like:

*The Government of Canada has been working with the Canadian Red Cross to identify and secure essential medical equipment from a number of suppliers around the world.*

*Our priority has been focused on getting essential supplies to frontline medical workers in the fastest and most efficient manner possible while ensuring high quality standards are maintained throughout the process.*

*Surgical masks donated by Taiwan to the Canada Red Cross have been received and distributed to hospitals and communities in need.*

*This evening, Minister Ng will hold a long-scheduled call with XXX, Minister of XXX from Taiwan and will reiterate Canada's thanks for this donation, which demonstrates that we are all in this together.*

Best,  
Adam