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**Subject:** For MO approval : Media response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - Canada's personal protective equipment network in China / Caixin Media

Emily, Cecely,

For your approval please. No new info.

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### **Media response**

**Caixin Media**

**Li, Mingming (Caixin Media)**

**Date call received: April-14-20 at 02:05**

**Deadline: April-16-20 at 17:00**

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Canada's personal protective equipment network in China

**CONTEXT** (for your information): The reporter heard reports that Canada has built its own personal protective equipment network in China and is writing a story about this. Caixin Media Company Ltd. is a Beijing-based media group.

**VALUE STATEMENT:** The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to PPE for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories
- Supplementing those orders by purchasing everything that is immediately available;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

**Q1. Could you tell us more about the specific measures you are taking to establish the personal protective equipment network in China? What are the messages and opportunities you want to share with both the current and potential personal protective equipment providers and related industry in China? What have you achieved so far? What are the challenges?**

**Q2. Who are the personal protective equipment providers and factories in China? How did you select them? Will you recruit more providers in future?**

**Q3. Please share the current number of personal protective equipment that has been delivered to Canada. What is your plan for next step**

**Q4. There are stories circulating of unnamed countries sending government planes to China — ferrying suitcases stuffed with cash — to buy supplies right at the factory door. What do you think about the competition of global procurement of personal protective equipment?**

We are exploring all options for securing the necessary equipment and supplies to fight COVID-19, through both domestic and international supply chains, to ensure that front-line healthcare workers across the country are equipped and protected.

By working directly with both new and existing suppliers and manufacturers, including several in China, we have placed orders and received millions of PPE supplies including masks, gloves and gowns.

The Government of Canada has secured on-the-ground support in China, including an agreement with Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. to provide transportation, receiving, storage services and customs clearances. Oversight is maintained at all times until supplies are loaded onto the planes and they depart, ensuring the security of our orders and shipments. This will be an ongoing process as orders are ready to be shipped to Canada.

In addition, we continue to work closely with Global Affairs Canada and embassy and consular officials on the ground in China to help secure orders and shipments.