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Dear Commissioner,

On Wednesday 10th March, I sent a letter requesting you to publish the contract that the European Commission signed with AstraZeneca without censorship.

The European Union is founded on democratically based criteria, with transparency being undoubtedly one of the most important, as per Article 15(3) of the TFEU (*“Any citizen of the Union, and any natural or legal person residing or having its registered office in a Member State, shall have a right of access to documents of the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies...”*).

This is not a matter of sensitive secrets affecting the security of the Union, such as defence, but a purely commercial contract between a pharmaceutical company and the European Union. Let us remember that the European Union has invested money, meaning that the pharmaceutical company must act in accordance with the corresponding obligations in terms of delivery dates, quantities and price. This level of censorship to which the public is subjected to is therefore unacceptable.

I received no reply from you or your team to my first letter and to my great surprise, I found out about the contract signed with Pfizer in the newspaper *La Vanguardia*¹. It is truly scandalous that Members of the European Parliament must find out about this contract through the press.

We therefore call again for the full publication of all the contracts, not only that of AstraZeneca but also Pfizer and the remainder of the contracts, as it directly affects the information which the public and, of course, this Parliament must have in order to know under what conditions contracts are made, especially on such a fundamental issue.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.lavanguardia.com/vida/20210421/6986696/pfizer-vacunas-compra-ue-contrato-comision-europea-documento.html>