



*República de Costa Rica*  
*El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto*

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**Mrs. Gloria Berbena**  
**Chargée d'affaires, a.i.**  
**Embassy of the United States of America**  
**San José, Costa Rica**

Dear Mrs. Berbena:

I would like to resume our conversation of last April 29th, 2021, in which I communicated my government's request to jointly explore options to support the efforts Costa Rica is making in order to address the pandemic, and in particular, the vaccination of its population.

Our country has started a successful operation of vaccination, based on its robust health system, which today is the backbone of the national vaccination strategy. Despite that, we are still in need of a high number of vaccines, which we have already purchased, but that will not reach our territory before many months pass. In this situation, the support we can receive from the United States to lend us a number of vaccines, that we would return when we receive the ones we have already purchased, will positively impact our capability to fulfill our commitment to protect our population.

President Alvarado has already written to President Biden on this matter, highlighting the importance of this support for the efforts we are developing for the reactivation of our economy, as well as to provide sanitary support for migratory and refugee flows. Yesterday, I mentioned this to Counselor Derek Chollet in the phone conversation we held, underlining the possibility to return these vaccines back to the United States, or redirecting them to a country in the region that would require them.

We anticipate a positive response to our appeal, as we perceive this as an opportunity to develop a strategic partnership with the United States to tackle the pandemic, and its consequences.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

**Rodolfo Solano Quirós**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship**  
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