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Answer given by Ms Lahbib
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is committed to ensuring the highest possible transparency in relation to the COVID-19 contracts it signed on behalf of the Member States. It has published the contracts¹ early on, while respecting the rights of the contractors under Regulation (EC) 1049/2001², and replied to numerous requests for access to documents under the Regulation. The Commission remains committed to transparency, including by reviewing over time the decisions not to disclose certain information.

The Commission is currently in the process of implementing the General Court's ruling on cases T-689/21 and T-761/21³ related to the disclosure of the contracts.

The Commission considers that a question on criminal liability is for the competent authorities of the judiciary order to respond and that a question on political liability is for the institutions in charge of ensuring accountability of the relevant institutions at EU level under the EU Treaties, or at national level under the relevant national constitutional order to answer.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/coronavirus-response/public-health/eu-vaccines-strategy_en#documents.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2001/1049/oj/eng>.

³ Commission statement on the ruling accessible at https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_24_3866.