



REGERINGSKANSLIET

Stockholm, 30 May 2017

The Prime Minister

His Excellency Mr Donald Tusk
President of the European Council

His Excellency Mr Jean-Claude Juncker
President of the European Commission

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Your Excellencies,

I am pleased to inform you of the Swedish candidacy to host the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in Stockholm. I also have the pleasure of attaching a comprehensive land package that will guarantee a seamless relocation of the EMA to Stockholm.

The uninterrupted functioning of EMA activities and keeping the Agency running smoothly is of outmost importance to ensure patient safety in Europe. Here, the Swedish Medical Products Agency, one of the EMA's most active partners, would provide valuable support during the transition process. The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is well established in Stockholm and would contribute with valuable synergy effects and facilitate the agencies' collaboration, for example in fields such as vaccines and antimicrobial resistance.

In Stockholm, the EMA's premises would be located in the midst of one of the leading life science clusters in the world, situated in close proximity to Karolinska Institutet – a top-ranked medical institute and host of the Nobel Assembly, which awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

Sweden is an economic growth engine in the EU and has a highly vibrant labour market. The Stockholm-Uppsala region offers an ecosystem that links the world leading life science environment with one of the most expansive ICT sectors in the world – a significant factor, as digitalisation is of increasing importance to the development of health services.

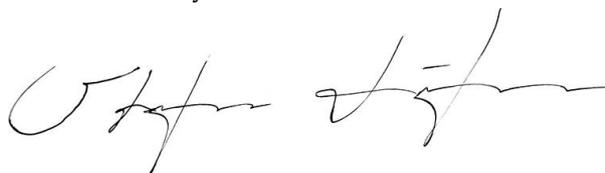
Sweden can offer staff and their families exceptional living conditions. The City of Stockholm offers both a lively city pulse as well as diverse recreational activities, with easy access to nature.

To achieve a rapid decision and avoid a negative impact on the functioning of the EMA, I welcome the comprehensive list of criteria, to support a transparent decision-making process.

Enclosed is a more detailed description of the state of play of the Swedish preparations for hosting the EMA in Stockholm. A comprehensive offer will follow before 31 July 2017.

I would like to express the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Löfven', written in a cursive style.

Stefan Löfven