



Mission indépendante nationale sur l'évaluation
de la gestion de la crise du Covid-19 et
sur l'anticipation des risques pandémiques

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The President of the mission

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Dear Professor Wieler,

The President of the French Republic, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, called for an independent mission to be created in order to assess the management of the COVID-19 crisis and to better address the risks posed by the pandemic (the mission letter is attached in the appendix). I was given the honor of being appointed president of this mission. In order to ensure a multidisciplinary approach to the challenge at hand, its structure hinges on the close collaboration of five experts from social sciences, economics, public policies and health.

The mission's primary objective is to assess the relevance, speed and proportionality of the French response in the management of the health, social and economic crises, in particular in comparison to other countries' responses.

Our work and evaluation is independent, and will be the subject of a report which will be made public at the end of the year.

We chose to approach this challenge with an international comparison of the modalities of crisis management, which we believe is the most useful approach for identifying best practices and developing operational recommendations for the French government. As such, the crisis management implemented in Germany seems particularly interesting to us, both in terms of health and economics.

In order to better understand the German response, we plan to conduct a two-day study visit to Berlin at the beginning of November in order to meet key decision-makers, particularly experts from the Robert Koch Institute, infection prevention and control specialists from the Charité Universitätsmedizin hospital, and representatives of the German government.

In this context, we would like to know if it would be possible to meet with you and your team during this visit. If you accept our proposition, we will send you a list of our questions and subjects of interest prior to our visit in order to facilitate the discussion.

We are delighted by the prospect of working together to better understand the strengths and challenges of managing this crisis in our respective countries.

Thanking you for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you.

The President of the mission

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