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Dear colleagues,

In light of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak in China, we have prepared an advice concerning the wearing of face masks in relation to the 2019-nCoV outbreak. This is to ensure that all staff of GRC International Cooperation have the same level of information regarding this topic as it is available at the beginning of February 2020. It becomes especially important as a certain “frantic” to procure and wear masks has started since the beginning of the outbreak in some countries and global production capacity and storage is running low.

Unfortunately, due to the current limited availability of face masks on the market, we already had to turn down requests from HoOs in a number of Asian countries to procure face masks in Germany. Hence, in case you intend to prepare a small stock of face masks for yourself as a preparedness measure, please make an effort to procure locally. If not possible at all, please indicate, and we try to find a solution.

Best regards,

Christof

