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The Minister

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Green Paper – Improving the mental health of the population. Towards a strategy on mental health for the European Union

Dear Mr Kyprianou,

Malta warmly welcomes the publication of this Green Paper, especially in view of the significant growth in mental health problems, world wide. Malta is strongly committed to promote lifestyles conducive to positive mental health. Good mental health is an integral component to greater social cohesion, productivity in societies and a leading factor towards better quality of life.

Malta sees a direct link between mental health, wealth and competitiveness and equally would like to see this link addressed in the forthcoming EU mental health strategy. In Malta's view, mental health is a very important basis for the EU to work towards achieving the Lisbon strategy goals.

With respect to the mental health indicators, Malta believes that this process needs to feed in the work being done by the Social protection Committee in the areas of health and long term care as well as on poverty and social inclusion within the sphere of the Open Method of Coordination.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide our views prior to the mental health strategy being drawn up.

Yours Sincerely

Louis Deguara
Minister of Health, the Elderly and Community Care

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Dear Mr Schinas

Green Paper: Improving the mental health of the population – Towards a strategy on mental health for the European Union

I have been requested by the Minister of Health, the Elderly and Community Care, Dr Louis Deguara, regarding the Green paper 'Improving the Mental Health of the Population – towards a Strategy on Mental Health for the European Union'. It would be highly appreciated if you could bring the attached letter to the attention of Commissioner Kyprianou.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Cachia Caruana
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosures: Letter from the Minister of Health, the Elderly and Community Care

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