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Dear colleagues

My contribution to you consultation on the EU Health Strategy is as follows :

Firstly I congratulate you on the general tone of the key points of the document, which are very positive. The move from treatment of disease to the promotion of positive health, and the emphasis on health equality, are particularly welcome.

However, it must be clearer in the strategy that, in order to achieve greater health equality, we must achieve greater income equality, so that EU economic policy must bring about a redistribution of wealth. This is in keeping with the Acheson Inquiry into health inequalities (1988), as well as work such as that by Prof. Richard G Wilkinson in his book, 'Unhealthy Societies' (1996).

Many thanks

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