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Chairman of the  
Parliamentary Committee of European Affairs

Dear Mr. Cleanthous

Thank you for having transmitted the Information Report prepared by your Committee, regarding the examination of the compatibility of the Proposal for a Directive setting standards of quality and safety of human organs with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

In the Report, the Committee informs the European Commission of its unanimous opinion that the above mentioned Proposal does not violate the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. Furthermore, the Parliamentary Committee, together with other Cypriot institutions involved, such as the Ministry of Health, the National Commission of Bioethics and the Paraskevaides Transplantation Institution, express their agreement with the scope and objectives of the proposed Directive.

The fact that both the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus and stakeholders approve and support the Proposal is important for the promotion of the Proposal in the context of the on-going discussion in Council and Parliament. As a result, I express my satisfaction for your active participation at the E.U. legislative work and I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Margot WALLSTRÖM  
Vice-President of the European Commission