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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assemblée nationale for its Opinion on the public consultation on patient safety and quality of care.

The Commission welcomes the detailed observations and suggestions made by the Assemblée nationale regarding future EU action on patient safety and quality of care.

The Commission shares the Assemblée nationale's conviction that the provisions of the Council Recommendation of 2009 need to be implemented further. It also agrees that developing a common EU definition of healthcare quality would be beneficial, and that the diversity of health systems in the EU would need to be taken into account when developing such an action.

The Commission also takes note of the suggestion of the Assemblée nationale regarding the need of embedding patient safety in the social care sector.

The Commission assures the Assemblée nationale that its Opinion will be taken into account in the report on the results of the public consultation which the Commission intends to publish shortly, together with the Commission's second report on patient safety.

The Commission hopes that these comments address the issues raised by the Assemblée nationale and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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