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Dear President,

Thank you very much for your letter of 3 September 2009, by which you inform the Commission that the Standing Committee for Health, Welfare and Sport of the House of Representatives formulated a conclusive position with regard to the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality of the proposed Directive on standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation {COM(2008)818}.

I would like to reassure you that the Commission has taken note of the concerns raised by both Houses of the States General in their letters of 12 February and 3 September which assess the proposal's compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

While the replies provided by the Commission in its letter of 14 May 2009 aimed at clarifying the situation, we nevertheless take note of your persisting reservations.

The proposed Directive is currently being discussed in the Council and the European Parliament. The Swedish Presidency intends to intensify work in December, to prepare for finalisation of first reading under Spanish Presidency. The European Parliament has appointed a new rapporteur following the June elections and has started to examine the proposal. The Economic and Social Committee (EESC) adopted in June an Opinion on the proposed Directive almost unanimously.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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