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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its reasoned opinion on the proposals for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription {COM(2012) 48 final} and for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council amending Regulation (EC) 726/2004 as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription {COM(2012) 49 final}.*

*The Riksdag concludes that although both proposals have added value for the European citizens, they may not be compatible with national constitutional rules relating to freedom of the press and freedom of expression in the media.*

*As stated in both explanatory memoranda of the proposals, the Commission acknowledges that a number of Member States have expressed concerns in relation to the conformity with their national constitutions. The Commission is prepared to enter into a dialogue with those concerned to find suitable solutions while fully respecting the objectives of this Directive.*

*In particular, the Commission proposes recital 16 clarifying that this Directive does not prevent Member States from applying these constitutional rules.*

*The Commission would like to reiterate its commitment to enter into such a dialogue with Member States.*

*I hope that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Riksdag and look forward to continuing our constructive political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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