



Dear Commissioner Borg,

The Presidents of European Medical Organisations, who met in Limassol, Cyprus on 24 November 2012 congratulate you on your appointment as the next Commissioner responsible for the Health and Consumer protection portfolio.

Our organisations look forward to collaborating on all initiatives that seek to promote the highest standards. This is of particular importance in the interest of delivering optimal and safe patient care to all European citizens in a world of advancing medical science.

We also look forward to the early introduction and implementation of a new Tobacco Products Directive, which discourages smoking and the use of tobacco products through new and effective measures that truly reduce consumption. Our collective objective must be the significant reduction of adverse health effects of smoking on millions of European citizens. We believe this Directive should be given the highest priority on the EU agenda.

We have full confidence that you will work to achieve these objectives and we guarantee you the support of our organisations.

We wish you a most successful and productive term of office.

Sincerely,

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