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Athens, May 29TH, 2020 Protocol No. **475**

Ms. Stella Kyriakides

Health and Food Safety Commissioner (2019-2024) Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels / Belgium

Dear Commissioner Kyriakides,

Greetings from Athens, Greece!

Please allow us to introduce you the Hellenic Urological Association (H.U.A).

HUA is an independent, non-profit organization with more than 1.300 members (seniors, residents and young urologists), being the official scientific and academic, in the field of Urology, entity.

HUA supports programmes of continuing medical education and certification. For young members, we offer several educational programmes, scholarships and clinical visits and we provide excellent education & training opportunities, at any stage of the urological career.

We do have strong bonding with all European Urological Societies, the Cyprus Urological Association, associating for all international projects under the umbrella of the European Association of Urology, with common appointments and campaigns, aiming always to promote the Urology specialty worldwide.

With this letter, we do wish to highlight our support to the White Paper on Prostate Cancer of the European Association of Urology and the recommendations on how the EU Cancer Plan can tackle Prostate Cancer, found on the webpage: https://uroweb.org/policy/what-we-do/ addressed, already, to all Greek urological network.

In particular, we believe that the EU Cancer Plan should mandate and endorse **Guidelines on early detection and diagnosis of Prostate Cancer** which can be taken up by EU Member States in their National Cancer Plans. We believe that this initiative will reduce mortality rates from Prostate Cancer, improve the quality of life of Prostate Cancer patients and reduce costs for public health systems.

Please, consider this letter as an endorsement of the Hellenic Urological Association to the efforts made by the EAU towards its' initiative, to achieve more in the fight against prostate cancer.

We would appreciate if you could top prioritize this issue in your agenda and we expect to have the European Commission by our side in the above endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Ioannis K. Gkialas

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