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Dear Mr Gkialas and Mr Konstantinidis,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2020 addressed to Commissioner Stella Kyriakides, in which you introduce the Hellenic Urological Association and express your support to the White Paper on Prostate Cancer of the European Association of Urology including recommendations for the EU Cancer Plan. She has asked me to reply to you on her behalf.

As emphasized in the mission letter to Commissioner Kyriakides, the prime objective in the area of public health is to support Member States in improving the quality and sustainability of their health systems and to find ways to improve information, expertise and the exchange of best practices. The main aim of the future EU Cancer Plan is to create real European added value for the citizens and the Member States, respecting the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity.

Currently the Commission is consulting with stakeholders on the potential content and scope of the EU Cancer Plan. Your views and contribution to the discussion are much appreciated, and your emphasis on early detection and diagnosis of prostate cancer is well noted. This is an exciting time for cancer prevention and care, and the Commission looks forward to seeing continuous exchange of ideas and best practices within EU to defeat cancer. A strong collaborative work and approach on cancer is the best guarantee to make the EU Cancer Plan a mutual success. Thank you for your contribution.

Your sincerely,

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