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Re: Possible contribution of the European scientific societies to the legislative and administrative activities of the European Union in the field of occupational health and safety.

Dear Mr Servoz,

I write to you on behalf of the presidents of a group of European societies of occupational medicine including those of the largest countries in the Union, representing several thousands of scientists and professionals of the field.

We pay particular attention to the European regulation in the field of occupational health and safety and we think that European directives have been a major force for the achievements of the actual greater workplaces' safety levels in the Union. However, some of the Directives are more than 20 years old and there is certainly the need of updating.

We are aware of the Commission's initiative for a thorough revision of the legislation in the occupational health and safety field and we would like to offer our collaboration to this process.

One issue which is particularly important for us is that, both in the field of medicine and legislation, the scientific evidence should be the guiding criterion: "Evidence based Occupational Health" and "Evidence based Legislation" need to go hand in hand. For this reason, as we are the voice of occupational health and safety science in the European Union we would like to support the ongoing process of revisiting European Union's regulation in the field with the best scientific evidence available.

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To further discuss this issue I kindly ask if we can have a meeting between your office and me and other presidents of European scientific societies of occupational medicine, wherever you would like to suggest, in order to explore how we could get into an agreement to frame the proposed collaboration.

I thank you for your attention and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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