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Dear Monsieur Bertrand,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning rare diseases.

In your letter you propose to constitute a High Level Group on Rare Diseases. First of all I would like to say that I do agree that focus on rare diseases is very important.

Given the fact that the patients suffering from rare diseases, and the specialists in these diseases are relatively few in each European country, I find it relevant to have a good cooperation on an EU-level concerning the treatment of rare diseases.

Should you decide to raise your proposal before Council, I would certainly have a positive attitude.

Yours sincerely,

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