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The Head of Cabinet

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Your Excellency,

Please find attached a letter from Commissioner Dalli. I would be very much obliged if you could transmit this correspondence to the recipient.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna DARMANIN

Brussels, 28. 08. 2012

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Dear Ministers,

I would like to thank you for your joint letter of 1 August 2012, in which you stress the negative impact of tobacco on people's health and urge the Commission to adopt a proposal to revise the Tobacco Products Directive by the end 2012.

I am encouraged by the joint support and commitment you express in your letter, and I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that I am fully committed to pursuing our internal deliberations with a view to finalising the Tobacco Products proposal this year.

I would also like to emphasise that I fully share your concern about tobacco uptake by children and young people and your conviction about the need to make tobacco products less attractive, in particular to young people. It is in this spirit that I plan to put forward a proposal to revise the existing EU legislation. I also fully endorse your view that tobacco is the largest cause of avoidable diseases and results in major costs in terms of health care expenditure and productivity losses.

I look forward to our co-operation on this important matter and very much count on your commitment and support.

Yours sincerely,



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