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The Commission of the European Communities communicated to the European Parliament and the Council on 20.12.2007 the FINAL REPORT ON CURRENT PRACTICE WITH REGARD TO PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO PATIENTS ON MEDICINAL PRODUCTS.

This report is a good official overview of what is happening in the several countries and also the needs of patients on the provision of information and its benefits and risks.

Following this report the Commission will propose amendments to the European Parliament and the Council to the current rules on the provision of information to patients by the end of 2008. This will put the interests of patients first and with this in mind should aim at reducing differences in access to information and should ensure the availability of good-quality, objective, reliable and non promotional information on medicinal products.

As part of this process you sent to us the "Legal proposal on Information to Patients" including a public consultation before 7 April 2008.

The European Region of the International Diabetes Federation in general supports the key ideas of this forthcoming legal proposal on information to patients. The main goal is indeed a much better and much more open information to all patients and all consumers in the EU on a basis of equality. Whereas the above mentioned final report of 20.12.2007 showed how bad and unequal the situation in the EU nowadays is, the "Legal proposal on Information to Patients" is a good step in the right direction.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the Board of the European region of the International Diabetes Federation,

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