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Subject: do we know what's inside our medicines ??

Dear Sirs

I am an Italian citizen and I have just been informed about this initiative by friend of mine who owns a pharmacy in Milan. Our families gathered together for dinner last Tuesday, and he told us that most of the (expensive) medicines we buy in Italy and Switzerland are not exactly made where we could expect from reading the label. Actually he explained that the chemical substance, whatever they call it, which is the active part of the medicine is almost never made by the company mentioned on the box. This chemical product can come from exotic places like China, India and so on, but they are not requested to mention it on the box. And he started to mention cases of people dying in America for bad quality of the medicines coming from China!!

The whole discussion actually started from the latest scandal on "mozzarella di bufala" made near Naples, I was expressing my worries on the lack of control on food products, and he explained us that we should worry instead for other issues, like the current attitude of the "untouchable" drug producers.

I am not sure I have well understood the initiative, but I am writing to the link he gave me, in order to offer my little contribution. I believe in democracy and I have faith in the power of communication. I keep eating "mozzarella di bufala" especially now, after all the discussion about its safety, but I am instinctively very afraid of issues which are not so well known at public opinion level. I am sure that the European Community has all the possible instruments to guarantee the quality of the products we buy, especially when talking about medicines.

Thank you very much for your attention,

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