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*Member of the European Commission*

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Dear Minister Giannini,

*Dear Stefania,*

Allow me to thank you for your letter of 15 May 2015, acknowledging the concrete steps taken by the Commission to launch the preparatory work for a potential Article 185 TFEU legislative proposal on PRIMA. Your preference for a Coordination and Support Action has also been expressed by other member states and partner countries and is duly noted.

I have asked my services to propose a Coordination and Support Action in the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2016-2017. My services will also liaise with Professor Angelo Riccaboni in order to identify experts in the PRIMA participating states, who would assist the Commission in the data collection necessary for the preparation of an Impact Assessment required for an EU legislative proposal.

In your letter, you make an excellent proposal to organise a meeting with the participation of Ministers from both sides of the Mediterranean. I am fully behind such a meeting.

I'd particularly like to thank you for the importance you place on the PRIMA-initiative, as a means of strengthening the EU's leading research and innovation cooperation with our neighbours in the Southern Mediterranean, and look forward to seeing you in Brussels on the occasion of the Competitiveness Council.

Yours sincerely,



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