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Re: The right to health for persons with disabilities in the ECDCs work on the COVID 19 pandemic

Dear President Yannis Vardakastanis,

Thank you for your letter dated 29th May 2020 on the right to health for persons with disabilities in the ECDCs work on the COVID-19 pandemic.

We recognise that there are certain persons that are particularly vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic, including those persons with disabilities. We have aimed to capture information about those groups and the issues they are facing through the survey on 'socially and medically vulnerable populations in the EU/EEA and the UK during the Covid-19 pandemic' and in the consequent report. We have ensured that groups working within this area have received the survey and we are aware that your organisation has responded to the survey, and we would like to thank you for this.

To ensure that the ECDC report will sufficiently capture the issues that persons with disabilities are facing during the pandemic, in particular around access to services and any good practices that can be shared with Member States, we would be very happy to set up a videoconference to discuss this. We would also be grateful if your organisation was willing to review the draft report.

Thank you for reaching out to ECDC and for your willingness to provide support to achieve the best results for our work. We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

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Director

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