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Subject: Continuity of the National Program for Hemophilia
Treatment

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Dear Honorable Minister Kopacz

The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders. The WFH has been in official relation with the World Health Organization since 1969. Since that year also, we have been working in close relation with the Polish Hemophilia Society when it became one of our current 118 national member organizations.

As 2011 is the final year of the 2005-2011 National Program of Hemophilia Treatment, which has considerably contributed to the improvement of hemophilia treatment in Poland, we would appreciate hearing from your Ministry as to how you foresee care will evolve in the coming years.

The WFH would be pleased to support the continuity of your Ministry's Program with our scientific knowledge and expertise. Poland has become a regional leader in hemophilia and other bleeding disorders care. The WFH wishes to contribute to maintaining the optimization and cost-efficiency of your efforts and investment.

Would it be possible to inform us of your long-rang plans for the National Program of Hemophilia Treatment, which institutions and positions within each will be responsible for its continuity? Within the future Program's design would it be possible to include the participation of experts from the Polish Hemostasis Group active in the Polish Society of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine? Likewise, we would recommend consultation with patient representatives from the Polish Hemophilia Society in the preparation of the Program. Would it be possible to finally let us know if the Program will follow the recommendations of the European Principles of Hemophilia Care, more specifically on the creation of comprehensive hemophilia treatment centers?

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if you wish to exchange views on best practices of national hemophilia care organization.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Skinner', written in a cursive style.

Mark Skinner

WFH President

c.c. Polish Hemostasis Group chair Prof. Krystyna Zawilska, Polish Hemophilia Society president Bogdan Gajewski, Director of the Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine in Warsaw Prof. Krzysztof Warzocha, coordinators of hemophilia treatment in Poland Prof. Windyga, Profr. Skotnicki, Prof. Chojnowski, Prof. Podolak-Dawidziak, Prof. Klukowska.