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YOUR REF. Automated Mail to Martin Zizi, August 22, 2020
OUR REF. Petition #0061-2022
BRUSSELS, 4 September 2022

RE – PETITION #0061-2022 – Against a potential breach of Art. 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights – Status Inquiry

Dear Madam/Sir:

I am writing to you in response to the notification email received from you in order to inquire further about the status of our petition.

I am Prof dr. Martin Zizi, a former clinician, a molecular biologist and biophysicist, while at the same time CSO for Belgian Defense. In this latter role, I routinely advised three Ministries in Belgium. I also worked for the UN Security Council as one of the rare bioweapon inspectors, for NATO scientific circles. I was also Chairman of a Bioethical Commission.

Together with 189 EU scientists and citizens, we submitted a petition to the EP regarding a potential serious breach of Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental rights in regards to the policies in respect of children implemented by the EU and its Member States as a response to the corona crisis, and in particular the vaccination of children. The petition included quite an extensive review of nearly all the relevant literature to the subject.

The only mail notification I recently received does not specify in any way, shape or form, whether the petition was admitted or not, nor does it contain a justification for its closure. So at this time, I am not able to even ascertain the eventual procedure that was followed.

It is my understanding - as per the FAQs of the petitions webpage of the EP - that normal course of the procedure entails establishing first whether a petition is admissible or not. In case inadmissible, "the petition is filed and no further action is taken". However, this does not seem to be the case with our petition.

Furthermore, according to EP's rules of procedure, a petition is closed *after* its consideration, "if the Committee decides that it has been sufficiently addressed, discussed and researched", or:

- a. after suggesting a remedy and/or providing the petitioner with relevant information addressing the expressed concerns;

b. if we failed to respond or react on questions addressed by the Committee within a given deadline.

Given that I never received any questions for additional information from PETI, I can only assume that the petition, albeit admissible, was closed without consideration and discussion in PETI, or that such discussion, if it took place, the Secretariat forgot to inform us about it and about any follow up suggested by the EP. If that was the case, can the Secretariat kindly provide us with the detailed information any PETI discussions with regard to our petition?

I would also like to point to the Secretariat that some *essential* information seems to be missing from the summary that was made of our petition on the petition's *public* web page.

As mentioned above, our petition revolves around the core concern of a potential breach of the Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental rights with regard to the protection of children's best interest in the roll out of the anti-covid measures for this category treated in law as 'vulnerable'.

The reference to Article 24 is a core element of our petition, and omitting it alters its purpose. I believe this might have been a clerical error and I would like to kindly request that it be corrected on the website, given that this information is public and may lead to misunderstandings about our petition.

As EU citizens, we understand that we have a fundamental right to petition, and in case a petition is duly admitted, we have a right to be heard. We would therefore like to avail ourselves of this right and kindly request the EP to review the decision to close our petition without follow up and instead to continue its analysis and invite us to testify.

For all the reasons mentioned above, taking into account the approval of the m-RNA vaccines by the EMA for use in children, including recent approval of booster shots as of 12 years of age, and the seriousness of the implications of such a decision, I would like to request that our petition be *urgently* reconsidered and that petitioners be invited to testify before the EP's specialised committees, such as COVI, in order to present our scientific arguments on this most sensitive issue affecting our children.

I look forward to your prompt and detailed reply.

Sincerely Yours,



Prof. Dr. Martin ZIZI