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Dear Mr Menache, Dear Mr Tamino,

Thank you very much for your letter on 10 September 2015 on behalf of the Stop Vivisection Citizens' committee.

We carefully considered your proposals and arguments in analysing the issue concerned and formalising our Communication on this sensitive and important topic.

As part of this, and following your request, we are organising a Scientific Conference next year, which will discuss the validity of the animal models where they are currently still used. We would be keen for you and your Stop Vivisection colleagues to participate in this discussion.

Further, we would be grateful if you would be able to contribute to a survey we are launching in January on "Accelerating progress in the Three Rs through knowledge sharing", as part of Action 1 on the Commission response.

If you have any further questions or concerns, the relevant experts in the Commission would of course be happy to address these points with you in the margins of the conference next year.

Yours sincerely,