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With respect to the participation to the Open eHealth Initiative established through the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Berlin on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, the Department of Innovation and Technology of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, representing Italy in the eHealth i2010 Group, and the Ministry of Health agree with the objective of initiating major steps in the cooperation for interoperable eHealth services and express their interest in joining to the Initiative.

From this perspective, the Department of Innovation and Technology and the Ministry of Health have stated to participate to the Initiative by establishing an *ad hoc committee*, encompassing the above-mentioned central administrations and some of the Italian regional administrations, that will be finalized by the end of July 2007 and will represent the Italian Government within the Initiative. In the mean time of its formal constitution, this committee will be represented by Region Lombardia, which will be entitled to represent it till the end of July 2007.

The *committee* is committed to achieve the objectives of the Open eHealth Initiative and to participate to the Large Scale Pilot A as described in the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme, ICT Policy Support Programme of the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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