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Subject: Your letter about clinical history as material patrimony of humanity

Dear Dr. Hernández Altemir, Dear Dra. Hernández Montero,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to European Commission President von der Leyen dated 4 June regarding the consideration of the clinical history, the anamnesis, as material patrimony of humanity. President von der Leyen has asked me to respond to your letter.

We appreciate your dedication to highlighting the importance of medical history and its role in healthcare and wish to thank you for informing us about your initiative to address UNESCO and the World Health Organization (WHO) on this topic.

While the European Commission regards the safeguarding of all forms of heritage, tangible and intangible, with the utmost importance, the registration, conservation, and valorisation of all forms of cultural heritage are primarily a responsibility of the national authorities of the EU Member States. Moreover, in this case, the recognition lies with UNESCO.

For a better understanding and overview of the European Union's support to cultural heritage, please consult our website: <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/>.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine MAGNANT
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