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Dear Madam, Sir,

Re: Pharmaceutical Research Tools in Japan

The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) is the representative body of the research-based pharmaceutical industry operating in Europe.

We were informed that discussions are taking place in Japan regarding models to introduce compulsory licensing mechanisms with regard to pharmaceutical research tool patents (or similar measures which would have the effect of unilaterally and compulsorily depriving patent holders from their rights).

Please find enclosed an EFPIA position paper prepared with this regard, for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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