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Subject: Letter of Support for EIC Pathfinder Project Proposal – HEART4KID

Dear EIC Evaluation Committee,

We are pleased to support the consortium's application to the EIC Pathfinder programme for the project **HEART4KID** focused on the development of an artificial heart for the paediatric population with cardiac conditions, including congenital heart disease.

Through our understanding of the initiative, the Spanish Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT) believes this proposal addresses an important unmet clinical need in paediatric cardiovascular care and has strong potential for scientific and technological advancement].

ONT believes **HEART4KID** has the potential to strengthen Europe's position in paediatric cardiovascular innovation by integrating clinical expertise with advanced engineering and biomaterial science. The project could help accelerate the translation of emerging technologies into clinically viable solutions for children with heart failure and congenital heart disease.

If funding is awarded, ONT would be pleased to explore how our organisation could contribute to the initiative in ways aligned with our expertise and clinical role.

This letter expresses our support for the submission of this proposal but it does not constitute any formal commitment at this stage.

Sincerely Yours,

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Director General
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