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Your letters of 31 October and 16 November 2006

Dear Mr Mabe,

Many thanks for your letters of 31 October and 16 November, as well as your visit to Brussels to meet with my colleagues and me.

I believe that the questions raised in your letter of 31 October were addressed during our meeting on 16 November. I wish to reiterate that I very much appreciated your frank and open approach.

We have taken note of the fact that STM feels misrepresented in the synthesis of responses received to the public consultation on the "Study on the economic and technical evolution of the scientific publication markets in Europe". We also acknowledge the fact that it is not widely known that CORDIS is an independent voice and does not set out official Commission positions. As you heard during our meeting, this issue is being discussed in the context of the new Framework Programme.

Thank you very much for expressing your willingness to continue the dialogue on publishing issues in the near future. Regarding the 15-16 February conference, as mentioned during our meeting, an invitation has been extended to the CEO of Reed Elsevier to speak. In addition, as you will see in the programme to be circulated shortly, commercial publishers and learned societies will be represented at the event. As for the offer to come visit your publishing offices, we will follow up in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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