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Our Ref: IRE0010001

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Re: Non – Statutory Inquiry (“Inquiry”) into the Historical Licensing and Use of Sodium Valproate in Women of Child-Bearing Potential in the State.

Dear Minister

We write in furtherance of our letter dated 14 March 2025 (please see enclosed for your ease of reference) which we are disappointed to note has yet to receive a substantive response.

On Saturday the 29th of March 2025, our organisation convened a meeting of our members to provide an update as to the status of the Inquiry.

Therein, our members expressed a deep sense of confusion and frustration about the fact that despite almost a year having now passed since the appointment of the Chair of the Inquiry, that the Inquiry has still yet to commence and in particular that the formalisation of the Data Regulations (which we understand requires your



approval) remains outstanding without any explanation for the delay or sign of resolution thus far.

We now request that progress be made in relation to the formalisation of the Data Regulations and/or in the very least alternative, that we are provided with an explanation behind the current delays and when we can expect them to be resolved so that the Inquiry may finally be commenced.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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