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Joaquin Alexander Maza Martelli, President, United Nations Human Rights Council
Dainius Puras, United Nations Special Rapporteur
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
United Nations Office at Geneva
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Maza Martelli and Mr. Puras

Re: Additional supporting letter from the Society of Biological Psychiatry

Further to my response submission dated 28th September 2017 from The International College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CINP) to the report of Mr. Dainius Puras, I herewith enclose a further response from the Society of Biological Psychiatry.

Please read this in conjunction with the earlier communications.

I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Sincerely

John H. Krystal, M.D.
President

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September 26, 2017

John H. Krystal, M. D.
President
International College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CINP)

Dear Dr. Krystal,

The Society of Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) has read, reviewed and discussed the Special Rapporteur Report, on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/HRC/35/21), submitted to the Thirty-fifth session of the United Nations Human Rights Council and strongly objects to its content. The society is deeply troubled by the misrepresentation of our field, biological psychiatry, in this report. SOBP would like to join CINP and others in protest of this report and endorse the response of CINP to this inaccurate, misleading, and false report. The Society would like to add SOBP as a signatory to your letter.

The Society of Biological Psychiatry is a professional organization of more than 1200 leading scientists. The vision of SOBP is to advance understanding, investigation, and treatment of psychiatric disorders until they are eliminated as a cause of human suffering. The mission of the society is four-fold. First, to promote excellence in research investigating the nature, causes, mechanisms, and treatments of disorders of thought, emotion, and behavior. Second, to foster development of investigators in psychiatry. Third, to educate young scientists and clinicians about the biological underpinnings of psychiatric disorders more generally. Finally, to disseminate the highest quality knowledge regarding the scientific basis of psychiatry. The society strongly believes this report is in direct conflict with the vision and mission of SOBP and endorses all corrections and statements included in the response from CINP.

Sincerely,

Carol Tamminga, M.D.
President, Society of Biological Psychiatry