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### German National Ethics Council pleased with Education Minister's announcement

The Chair of the National Ethics Council, Kristiane Weber-Hassemer, thanked the Federal Minister of Education and Research, Annette Schavan, for her acknowledgement of the work of the Council so far. She welcomed the Minister's announcement that the Council's status would be confirmed "on the basis of a decision by Parliament".

Mrs Weber-Hassemer stated that the members of the National Ethics Council looked forward to working more closely together with the Government and Parliament.

#### **The German National Ethics Council**

The German National Ethics Council's task is to provide a forum for interdisciplinary discourse between the natural sciences, medicine, theology and philosophy, and the social and legal sciences.

It expresses views on ethical issues relating to new developments in the field of the life sciences and on their consequences for the individual and society.

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