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Dear Nicola,

I would like to thank you so much for your participation and for providing great contributions to our IEEE 7007 Ontological Standard for Ethically Driven Robotics and Automation Systems Working Group sponsored by IEEE Robotics and Automation Society/ Standing Committee for Standards Activities (RAS/SCSA). As you know our group aims to create an international standard that will be comprised of a set of ontologies with different abstraction levels that contain concepts, definitions, and axioms which are necessary to establish ethically driven methodologies for the design of Robots and Automation Systems.

We expect our standard is used in multiple ways, that include, a guide for teaching ethical design; a reference by policy makers and governments to draft AI related policies; a common vocabulary to enable the communication among government agencies and other professional bodies around the world; a framework to create systems that can act ethically, and so forth.

Therefore, I appreciate very much your engagement in our activities, in particular, in the discussion on data privacy and protection domains and I sincerely hope to continue working with you in this project and others related to data privacy and protection and their social implications.

With my highest regards,

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