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Androulla VASSILIOU, Member of the EC in charge of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth attends the EURORDIS Gala Dinner Award Nomination on Rare Disease Day 2012 (recorded 29/02/2012):

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SUMMARY

On 1 March, Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the EC in charge of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth was rewarded at the EURORDIS Gala Dinner on Rare Disease Day 2012 for her initiatives as former Commissioner for Health.

EURORDIS is a leading International Non-Governmental Organisation (INGO) and is recognised as the largest European Patient Organisation in the field of rare diseases. EURORDIS represents 479 rare disease organisations in 45 different countries, covering more than 4,000 distinct rare diseases. EURORDIS is the voice of an estimated 30 million patients affected by rare diseases throughout Europe.

The net proceeds collected from the Gala will support community building initiatives for rare disease patients and families in Europe, help to raise public awareness about rare diseases and stimulate research by assisting patients to launch or get involved in research projects.

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SHOTLIST

00:00:00	Title
00:00:05	General view of the Hotel Plaza
00:00:14	General view of the EURORDIS Gala Dinner Award Nomination on Rare Disease Day (3 shots)
00:00:38	Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the EC in charge of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth at the gala dinner
00:00:47	General view of the gala dinner (2 shots)
00:00:59	SOUNDBITE (in English) Androulla Vassiliou : I am very pleased to be awarded for this honour. It is a pleasure to see so many of you here and feel that the patients with rare disease are not alone; they have many friends around the EU countries but not only. I know, I have lived thought the stories of many patients and their families and I must say the real heroes are the relatives who support them all their lives. And who give up a lot of pleasure in order to save or make their lives easier. So it was for me a big priority, so when I took over, as Commissioner for Health, my very first initiative was the proposal for the cross border health care which is really important for the treatment of rare disease. And then after that, the

communication and the Council resolution on rare disease and I fell very very proud and pleased to have been able to help in this small way. And I want to ensure you that the EU Commission continues to be devoted of this issue of rare disease and now in the hands of my dear college John Dalli who is here also with us. So thank you very much and I would say we shall continue to work for this cause to make the life 30 millions of people who suffer from rare disease in Europe easier and hopefully to find a cure for them.

00:03:27 Cutaway of people

00:03:45 Androulla Vassiliou being awarded and leaving the stage (2 shots)

00:04:00 General view of the meeting room

00:04:11 End

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