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Dears Enrico and Serdar,

This weekend on 29th of June TMA is organizing the yearly assembly in Ankara. We will also gather all the physicians who have helped people in the last events. As you will remember the Ministry of Health has started an investigation about TMA because of the voluntary help of the physicians. We want to raise our voice against the attempts of the government, in order to protect the autonomy of our profession.

Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General of WMA will join our assembly.

The support of FEMS means too much to the physicians in Turkey. Central council of TMA would like to invite a representative of FEMS to this one day meeting.

Best regards,

Turkish Medical Association Central Council

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Brussels June 27th 2013

Dear colleagues of the Turkish Medical Association

let me express, first of all, my personal regret for not being present to your very important meeting. As Serdar Dalkilic, Vice president of FEMS but, mainly a very good friend of mine, may confirm, I always felt a particular sympathy for Turkey and Turkish people for a very long time, since the first time I was in your very special land. It was more than 40 years ago and, in my several visits in the following years I could appreciate the fast growth of your society.

There have been difficult periods for your people, but in recent years the opportunity to become a full member of European Union represents a very important step and I strongly believe that Turkey as a EU Member Country represents an advantage for both.

Unfortunately, the recent moves of the Turkish Government are going towards a different direction.

Governments, also the democratic ones, sometime make mistakes.

In the case of Turkish, and in particular, Istanbul doctors, it is impossible to understand what advantage would represent for the Turkish Government to go against any rule of the professional secret, and against the right of every person to be cured.

These rights go beyond any political and social decision, as doctors' profession and mission is caring and curing people, whatever their ideas, actions, gender, religion, wealth, all done in science and conscience.

A class of professionals who respect these principles is an important value for any Nation.

Everything happened in a context of actions of your Government, deeply condemned by most Countries, European Union and United Nations, for the disproportion of violence against pacific demonstrations. We deeply hope that the Government recognizes its mistake and goes back to a democratic and non violent behaviour.

Dr Enrico Reginato, President

It is of great importance that the Turkish Doctors' Association takes a strong position to defend the activity of its members.

You correctly affirmed: "*We are proud of all our colleagues who have rushed through 18 days to help the resistance casualties day and night with no fear*".

FEMS, in its role of representative of European Doctors' associations and trade unions, is proud as well of the courage of our Istanbul colleagues for their activity, performed under the risk of being hit and hurted too.

We, people of FEMS, are also very proud of the decision of the Istanbul Medical Chamber, our very respected Member, not to report to the Ministry of Health the names of patients and doctors, opposing to the request concerning the voluntary health centers.

The sustain of the TMA to their Istanbul members gives a lesson of deontology and correct professional behaviour to the Government and to the people of Turkey. But also gives a lesson to the rest of the world.

I express again my regret for not being able to be present, but our Vicepresident, Serdar Dalkilic, with a long personal story of successful activity in favour of doctors' rights in Europe, is fully entitled to represent FEMS with total credits, being able to follow your works and giving his contribution at the best level.

FEMS will follow the works of your Assembly with the highest interest.

With best regards and respect

Enrico Reginato
FEMS president

