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## **Report for the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association**

Since last meeting not any outstanding changes happened in north Cyprus.

We are still working on transformation of medical system to general health insurance. May be a lot of paperwork is done but no sound changes in the system.

Still government is the prime supplier of serious medical problems of long lasting treatment. Private sector, is still out of pocket of the patients which makes it difficult to sustain and forces patients to get there major treatment from the government.

Automation of government system is continuing step by step with some opposition to change.

Cyprus Turkish Medical Association is still sensitive to the education of medical professionals and organized several teaching sessions, conferences, seminars and activities.

Association is also very sensitive to social issues as well. Like construction of nuclear power station in turkey on the Mediterranean coast. Which if any accidents happens can put Cyprus and peripheral region in great danger.

New oncology hospital is under rapid construction with new equipment, there is ongoing work to find continuous working doctors as well as oncologists.

There are still shortages of medical professionals in the medical system. CTMA is continuously pointing out the shortages of medical professionals.

Salaries are still the same but due inflation value of currency gone down. The value of salaries has gone down

It is becoming increasingly difficult to buy services from the private sector. Affecting the earnings of doctors working in these sector too.

General economic circumstances are making life more difficult for both patients and doctors everywhere in Northern Cyprus.