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**Participation of the so-called “Cyprus Turkish Medical Association -
 CTMA” in the
 European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS)**

Dear President and colleague,

Firstly, as Cyprus Medical Association we believe that politics should not be an obstacle for the medical profession and for the health of our patients in general.

Please note that we have not received any reply from your organization in regards to our letter send to you via email on the 12th of June 2015 and to our letter send to you on the 29th of February 2016. Our aim was to secure a smooth and a beneficial cooperation for all parties involved.

It is with great regret that we were inform that the European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS) proceeded with the organization of a conference at the **occupied** city of Kyrenia.

Please note that FEMS’s action **is according to the international law illegal**. We are certain that you are aware of the fact that Turkey invaded Cyprus in July 1974 in violation of international law and the UN Charter, and continues to occupy 36,2% of the island. As a result, nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forcibly expelled from their homes and properties. The occupied area was unilaterally and illegally declared an independent state, under the name “Turkish republic of northern Cyprus” in November 1983. This purported secessionist act was condemned by the UN in the relevant Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984). In particular, in resolution 541, the Security Council considers the said declaration as “legally invalid” and calls upon all States “not to recognize any Cypriot state other than the Republic of Cyprus”, while resolution 550 condemns the declaration of a separate state in the “occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus” and calls upon all States “not to facilitate or in any way assist the aforesaid secessionist entity”. As a consequence, no country other than Turkey

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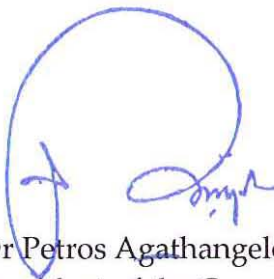
has recognized the said illegal regime and the Republic of Cyprus is the only recognized state, a member of the United Nations and the European Union, while the Government of the Republic of Cyprus has jurisdiction over the entire island and it is also internationally recognized as such.

Furthermore, we wish to stress that the participation of the so called "Cyprus Turkish Medical Association - CTMA" to FEMS **is not even compatible to the new Statutes and Rules of FEMS, as according to the Art. 2"**. The above Federation groups, together represents medical Unions and/or professional medical associations of the various **European countries** whose members are, at least in a significantly high proportion, placed **under the administrative authority of a public or private employer** and working full-time or part-time". Thus, the "CTMA" cannot participate as a member of FEMS as it is an illegal and unauthorised entity produced by the illegal acts of a separatist entity, and it does not comply with the laws and regulations of the internationally recognized state which is the Cyprus Republic.

Moreover, the travellers entering the Republic of Cyprus via the illegal / closed airports and ports (i.e. all the airports and ports in the occupied areas), are in breach of national law of the Republic of Cyprus and thus the international law.

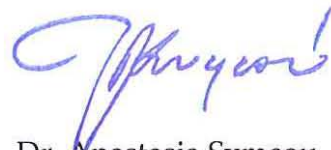
Considering the above, your members and participants at the said Conference, who are not familiar with the situation, **automatically found themselves at great risk of possible legal action**, especially if they **end up staying in Greek-Cypriot owned hotels in the occupied areas** which are being illegally exploited, or who have been illegally built on Greek-Cypriot owned property.

Finally, on behalf of the Cyprus Medical Association we would like to inform you that we will proceed and raise the whole issue within other European Medical Fora and Organizations, asking them to expel your organization's participation to them, as your action **can be consider as an illegal one and it lacks of solidarity towards a full member of CPME and UEMS.**



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Yours Sincerely,



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