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It is with a great pleasure that CEOM is present in this meeting again. During the last year, CEOM essentially reinforced its position in what we are involved:

- Medical ethics and professional conduct
- Free movement of professional healthcare
- Medical demography
- Medical regulations
- Professional training of physicians
- Public health issues related to these subjects.

On the last meeting of this year, in June 2018, we discussed among other subjects, medical liability and defense medicine, the European charter for medical regulation, doctor-patient relationship and a proposal of a doctor-patient recognition, as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity.

Therefore, we have been increasing our work on the European observatory on violence against physicians, because we are deeply concerned with this phenomenon which is on the rise and each year claims physicians' lives and imposes important psychological suffering on the survivors.

We had also revised our deontological guidelines to confirm them with the ever changing landscape and new challenges that rise every day.

During the last nine months, CEOM has participated in several meetings as UEMS, CPME, AEMH, FEMS, WMA and IAMRA, where the reports of CEOM work was presented.

We believe that collaboration among EMOs associations is very important in the defense of physicians, quality of patient care and ethical practices in Medicine. Coming from that collaboration, we must emphasize the actual EMOs' statement on the role of physicians, approved in the last UEMS meeting in Marrakech. It's essential to define the importance of the central role of physicians in diagnosis, treatment and coordination of multidisciplinary care. Medical doctors are also required to follow the highest ethical and professional standards, and are also accountable, responsible and liable for all aspects of diagnosis and patient treatment, having the duty of assuming a leading post, for a better quality and safety of our patients.

Thank you very much.