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Almost 3 years have passed since the start of the Covid 19 epidemic. In this process, at the end of the time spent in quarantine conditions, as in the whole world, the vaccines developed as a result of the hard work of scientists were approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization. Then, with the completion of the phase studies, the FDA and WHO approved the vaccines and the vaccines were delivered to almost 80% of the world. Vaccines were started to be administered first to risk groups and health workers, and then to the general population. In our country, the Scientific Committee of the Ministry of Health carried out Covid 19 treatment and vaccination activities in line with the recommendations of international scientific societies.

With the Omicron variant being seen as the dominant variant in our country, and a decrease in hospitalization and death rates in intensive care units, precautions were reduced.

The economic crisis in our country, both due to the devaluation and inflationary pressure in the Turkish Lira, and the global inflationary pressure of the pandemic, led to inequality in income distribution and a rapid impoverishment process.

In addition to the economic crisis, political crises continued to be on the agenda of the country.

The fact that a new state hospital has not been built continues to hinder health services.

-Legal updates have not yet been made for the number of doctors that can meet the demand compared to the increasing population.

- There were no improvements in financial problems such as doctors' salaries, allowances, and shift wages. The need for physicians still continues.

On the other hand, with the economic and political crisis, brain drain still stands as a serious risk.

Due to all the negative factors mentioned above, the health system of our country continues to experience serious problems. In the initiatives of the Cyprus Turkish Physicians Union with the government, it strives to improve both the working conditions and the allowances of doctors. It also continues to present its proposals to governments for the improvement of health services.

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While I apologize for the demoralizing and negative report presented, I greet you all with respect and love for being here FEMS general assembly held in our country. I welcome you to our country and wish you a productive meeting.

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