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On 27 November 2010, the CPME Board adopted the “CPME response to letter from the Presidents of the Nordic Medical Associations on Family Medicine”  
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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) endorses and supports the position of the presidents of the Nordic Associations of General Practice concerning the unique specialty of family medicine.

CPME thus reaffirms its longstanding policy as it had been laid down in the document CPME 2004/077 Final. This is an endorsement of UEMO Declaration on Training for General Practice / Family Medicine in Europe.

## Concerning the unique speciality of family medicine

The leaders of the five Nordic colleges and unions of general practice have agreed on the content of this paper in their biannual meeting in Svalbard in August 2010. The members of this assembly commit themselves to present this resolution to their national boards for adoption and to work for the implementation of this statement in their own countries.

According to the WHO, primary health care is the most efficient form of health care in national economic terms. It is also the most solidarity-oriented form of health care, especially for those with the lowest socioeconomic status in the population.

Developing and having a strong primary care sector with highly competent general practitioners is therefore crucial to meet the demands of health care in Europe. It is therefore also essential that the required qualifications in specialist training programs for family medicine in Europe need to be high to fulfil the demands in primary care.

The Nordic professional organizations of general practitioners hereby make a statement that the speciality of family medicine in Europe

- must develop towards a speciality with quality-standards of minimum 5 years of highly qualified training,

- is accepted as a unique medical profession according to article 25 in “The directive on the recognition of professional requirements” separated from “Specific training in general medical practice” as defined by article 28,
- is a unique medical speciality on equal terms with all other professional medical specialities.

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