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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents medical doctors across Europe and is composed of the most representative National Medical Associations of 27 European countries. CPME aims to promote the highest standards of medical training and medical practice in order to achieve the highest quality of healthcare for all patients in Europe. CPME is also concerned with the promotion of public health, the relationship between patients and doctors, and the free movement of doctors within the EU. CPME also cooperates closely with national medical associations from associated and observer countries, as well as with specialised European medical organisations and international medical associations.

The Board of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), representing national medical associations across Europe, was deeply concerned to learn from the Panhellenic Medical Association of policy developments which threaten to impair the quality of healthcare in Greece.

In full awareness of the economic and societal challenges posed by the economic restraints which Greece currently faces, we appeal to the Greek government:

- To ensure that the access to and prescription of medicines is supported by a regulatory framework which puts evidence-based effectiveness and patient safety at the heart of pharmacological treatment. The medical profession should be fully involved in the creation of this regulatory framework.
- To acknowledge that the establishment and operation of healthcare entities cannot be equated to that of purely commercial bodies and must therefore be regulated in full respect of professional regulations in order to protect patient safety and quality of care.
- To safeguard the best possible quality and availability of healthcare services by ensuring lawful and sustainable working conditions for healthcare professionals, including appropriate remuneration, as agreed with the representative organisations of the profession.
- To safeguard the functionality of technological support facilities, such as ePrescriptions, and the availability of clinical supplies to allow for optimal patient care. The active participation and involvement of the medical profession in achieving these conditions should be guaranteed.