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Open Letter on the situation of the Order of Physicians of Albania

Dear President, Dear colleague,

It is with great concern that we received your reports of the events surrounding the last elections of the governance of the Order of Physicians of Albania.

As you are aware, CPME is convinced that National Medical Associations fulfil a crucial role not only for the medical profession, but for patients, the healthcare system and the population as a whole.

Promoting the free and independent representation of doctors through democratic institutions set up for this purpose is therefore at the core of CPME's work and the basis of membership in CPME.

We strongly support the Order of Physicians of Albania in safeguarding its independence and call upon the government of Albania to recognise and strengthen the role of the order to the benefit of patients and high quality healthcare.

We very much hope that this can be achieved and the Order of Physicians of Albania can continue its rightful membership in CPME alongside the other national medical associations of Europe.

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Yours sincerely,

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