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## **Situation of Order of Physicians of Albania**

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CPME represents national medical associations across Europe. Our member the Order of Physicians of Albania, the Urdhri Mjekëve Të Shqipërisë, informed of concerning developments regarding national legislation which affects its independence in functioning.

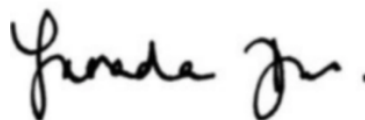
As we recently confirmed in the Statement on the independence of the medical profession which was adopted unanimously by all national medical associations at the CPME General Assembly in March 2024, independence is key in making patients' right to health a reality and safeguarding the highest quality of medical practice and autonomy. We furthermore observe that the existence of robust organisations representing the medical profession strengthens democracy.

European doctors therefore stand by the Order of Physicians of Albania in its efforts to protect its independence. We appeal to policy-makers to seek a dialogue to find consensus with the Order of Physicians of Albania. We trust that a resolution to the situation can be found in the interest of patients and the healthcare system.

Yours sincerely,



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