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Open letter in support of Croatian doctors

Honourable Prime Minister, honorable Minister of Health, honorable Minister of Finance,

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. Our member the Croatian Medical Chamber, the Hrvatska liječnička komora, has shared worrying reports about the state of financing and organisation of the health system which has created unsustainable conditions for doctors to provide patient care. We hereby express our support for our Croatian colleagues in their calls for lawful and decent working conditions.

The medical profession's experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic leave no doubt as to the importance of doctors' conditions of practice both for the healthcare system and society as a whole. Governments must ensure sustainable education and training conditions, adequate remuneration, and lawful working conditions as well as safe staffing levels.

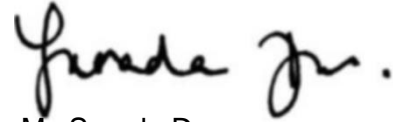
European doctors support their Croatian colleagues in their action to this end and call on the government of the Republic of Croatia to find a sustainable agreement with health professionals which enables the delivery of the highest quality of healthcare to every patient.

We trust in a speedy resolution and would be most interested in learning about progress made at the forthcoming CPME meetings in Dubrovnik on 24 and 25 March 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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