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European Doctors condemn the delay of the EU pharma reform

Dear President of the European Commission,

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) is concerned about the latest delay of the much-anticipated publication of the revised pharmaceutical legislation. The adoption of a fair and balanced pharmaceutical framework that prioritises patients is being jeopardised by this delay.

Ensuring equitable access to medicines for all patients across Europe is a crucial aspect of this legislation. It is unacceptable for the proposal on such critical legislation to be delayed without any explanation.

The lack of justification for the delay is concerning and raises questions about the transparency and accountability of the process. European doctors are concerned that industry influence may result in significant last-minute amendments to the proposal, risking that patients will not be at the centre of this legislative package. It is particularly worrisome that private interests may be given priority over democratic debate in the European Parliament and the Council, especially when vital measures for the well-being of all European citizens are at stake.

We urgently call for the publication to be put and maintained on the agenda of the next meeting of the college of Commissioners in April.

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