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"A truly pan-European representation for doctors"

CPME welcomes national medical associations from Italy and Spain as members

The General Assembly of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) has proudly and unanimously approved the membership applications of the Italian National Federation of the Orders of Doctors and Dentists (FNOMCeO) and the Spanish General Medical Council (CGCOM).

CPME President Dr Ole Johan Bakke said "Today is a milestone in the history of CPME. We are delighted to welcome CGCOM and FNOMCeO to CPME's membership as representations of the medical profession in Spain and Italy.

"Their wealth of experience and collective authority makes them powerful voices for doctors and the patients they serve. The professional expertise and vision of CGCOM and FNOMCeO further enhances CPME's foundation as a truly pan-European representation for doctors.

"Since 1959, CPME has committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making. We now continue our mission with renewed FNOMCeO strength and community."

FNOMCeO President Dr Filippo Anelli said "Joining CPME reflects our commitment to helping build a Europe that recognises the protection of health as a fundamental value and a shared responsibility.

"We bring the experience of the Italian medical profession to CPME, confident that dialogue and cooperation among European doctors can help us better meet people's healthcare needs. Defending professional autonomy and independence and promoting medical ethics and quality of care means protecting every individual and their right to care.

"We thank President Ole Johan Bakke and our CPME colleagues for their welcome: together, we want to support fair, accessible health systems built on solidarity, ensuring that no one is left behind."

CGCOM President Dr. Tomás Cobo Castro added: "Spain's return to CPME is great news for doctors in our country and for the medical profession across Europe. In an increasingly polarised and divided world, building strong alliances with those who share our goals is more important than ever to defend the interests of doctors and patients before EU institutions and policy-making.

"We join with great enthusiasm, but also with a deep sense of responsibility, committed to working together with all members on the challenges that lie ahead."

CGCOM and FNOMCeO will officially become CPME members on 1 January 2027, increasing the membership to 38 national medical associations across Europe, covering more than 2 million doctors.

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.