



At the CPME Board Meeting in Brussels on 14 June 2008, CPME adopted the following document “**CPME Resolution on Tobacco**” (referring to CPME 2008/087 EN/Fr)

Resolution on Tobacco

CPME¹ wants to reiterate its call for an EU smoking ban in all EU public places including public transport.

CPME:

- Warmly welcomes the EU health Ministers invitation to the Commission to prepare a cancer control action plan with a particular emphasis on prevention
- Appreciates the EU Commission's Green Paper "Towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke: policy options at EU level" report and encourages the EU Commission to put forward the follow-up initiative on smoke-free environments by the end of 2008 as mentioned in the concluding remarks
- Gives high priority to the implementation of the elements of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and expresses again grave concern about the continued heavy recruitment of young people to smoking
- Calls for the EU to enact binding legislation, irrespective of any action or inaction by member states, to impose a comprehensive, complete ban, notably on smoking in bars, restaurants, clubs and hotels throughout the European Union on smoking in all enclosed public places, including public transport and workplaces, in order to protect non-smokers and workers from the lethal effects of passive smoking
- Commends those member states which have already acted to introduce a complete ban
- Encourages those member states that did not ratify the FCTC to do so.

¹ *The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) is the representative body of about 2 million physicians in Europe.*

Its aims are a) to promote the highest standards of medical training and medical practice, through advocating public health, the relationship between patients and doctors and the free movement of doctors and patients within the European Union and b) to achieve the highest quality of health care in Europe.

It is composed of the most representative non-governmental national medical organisations in EU/EEA countries, that is to say 30 National Medical Associations. It also unites associated members, observers and associated organisations (specialised European medical organisations).