



## European doctors back World Medical Association's call for Turkish Government not to dismantle the Turkish Medical Association

During its Annual General Assembly on 21 November, the Board of the CPME endorsed the **World Medical Association's position on the Turkish Government's threat to dismantle the Turkish Medical Association**.

The World Medical Association (WMA) has strongly criticised the Turkish Government's announcement that it plans to dismantle the Turkish Medical Association (TMA).

In an emergency resolution, the WMA urged the Turkish government "to protect the establishment of the Turkish Medical Association as a national independent association and the main representative body of all physicians in the country and prevent any legal regulation that will harm its professional autonomy".

In general, CPME notes that National Medical Associations (NMAs) fulfil a crucial role not only for the medical profession, but for patients, the healthcare system and the population as a whole. CPME will continue to support NMAs in their efforts to consolidate the independent and democratic representation of the national medical profession. CPME therefore calls on governments to recognise the important role that NMAs play in society, to support their activities and to consult them throughout the policy process.

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