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At its Board meeting, Brussels, March 27th, 2004, the CPME adopted the following policy : CPME Statement on “Drug use problem in EU” (CPME 2004/045 Final EN/fr)

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To be sent to the Conference about “ EU Strategy on Drugs – The Way Forward “ to be held in Dublin on the 10-11 May 2004, organized by the Irish Presidency.

CPME (Standing Committee of European Doctors) is the medical umbrella organization representing over 2 millions in the enlarged EU.

European Doctors concerned with “Drug use problem in EU”, highlighted by the results shown in 2003 Annual Report from the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), call for attention in the following items:

- Drug consumption is still growing, in particular in young people, and prevention of drug use is receiving much smaller percentage of funds.
- High prevalence of HIV in injecting drug users, still growing in some countries, and the increase of new cases of Hepatitis C in young people stresses the need for a more effective early intervention in prevention of diseases related to drug consumption.
- Access to treatment and to preventive measures to reduce drug related health problems are not available to drug users in prison in most European countries.

CPME offers its expertise and cooperation and urges political decision makers to take in consideration these areas in the definition of EU Drugs Future Strategy.