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TO: Dr. Enrico Reginato, FEMS President
TO: FEMS Board

Sofia, 1st April 2016

Dear Dr. Enrico Reginato,
Dear colleagues,

We address you with the appeal to render your support for the fair demands of the Bulgarian Medical Association which called upon the Bulgarian physicians to a national protest rally on 6th April 2016. The rally shall be the culmination of the protest actions of the medical community ongoing for five days already. This act of non-compliance comes as a reaction to the chaos resulting from illogical and badly thought-up reforms the Health Ministry has been implementing, and as a result of the unsolved problems that have been accumulating over the years.

BMA is not against changes in the healthcare sector but insists that they shall be carried out with the participation of the professional organization through negotiations as is required by the Bulgarian law, and not just administratively. For months on end, we have been presenting expert analyses, writing recommendation, making proposals, and yet nearly none of these was taken into consideration. They adopted and still adopt rules and acts that are openly directed against the Bulgarian medics and to the detriment of our patients, with limiting their access to quality healthcare. We made clear our disagreement with a series of decisions and declarations, but they wouldn't listen to our voice at all.

Our patience has worn out. The responsibility that rests upon us is not only for the doctors but above all for the patients, and it obliges us to take extreme measures to defend our rights and the democratic foundations of our country.

Dear Mr. President,
Dear colleagues,

Our specific demands are, as follows:

We demand the reconstitution of the effective negotiation basis.

We demand the healthcare budget to reflect the real needs in order to ensure high quality and full medical services in the treatment of patients.

We appealed also to our colleagues – nurses, midwives, lab technicians, medical assistants, orderlies and other staff – with a call for unity in defense of our dignity and our fair demands.

We called our patients to support us too, by joining the petition in support of our demands and by participating in the national protest.

Dear colleagues, friends and fellows,

We declare the protests of the Bulgarian doctors aim to defend the rights, interests, health and life of every Bulgarian citizen.

We appeal to your active support for the protests of Bulgarian doctors!

Please, forward our request for support-protests letters to all CPME member organizations. Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,



Dr. Ventsislav Grozev
President
Bulgarian Medical Association

NB. You can send letters in support of our fair demands to the following addresses:

- **Mr. Boyko Borisov, Premier**
Address: 1, Dondukov Blvd.
1594 Sofia, R Bulgaria
e-mail: primeminister@government.bg

- **National Assembly (Parliament)**

Chairperson: Mrs. Tsetska Tsacheva
Address: 1, Knyaz Alexander I Sq.
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e-mail: Ts.Tsacheva@parliament.bg

Address: 2, Narodno Sabranie Sq.
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- **Mrs. Maya Manolova, Ombudsman**
Address: 22, George Washington Str.
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- **Ministry of Health**
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- **NHIF Supervisory Board**
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