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**CFSMR/RFTUCP sustain the action of LOZ and are against the new law projects which
incriminate the doctors from Slovakia**

With major indignation we heard and knew about the totalitarian practices of Minister of Health till 2011 (see our previous letter). Now, in May 2013, we constate that those practices spread into the whole political class in Slovakia. It seem to us that you are afraid of doctors since you choose to

punish them and to infringe their activity in your laws. You are afraid of strike in the health care system, but you are not conscient that a strike emerge from lack of salaries, and these salaries comes from your work, from how you know to run the country, how to share your GDP. Therefore you choose to punish the workers who want to strike, who want that you become conscient of your duties !

To be more precise, we decided to address you because according to our information there is a political effort to criminalize health professionals in Criminal Code in Slovakia. Besides a plethora of objections to the law, which has no parallel in democratic Europe, we are convinced that changes in the The Law no. 578/2004 Z. z. on health care providers, health workers and professional organizations in the health and amending certain laws, as amended, and on amendments to certain laws (printing. no. 371), make from the physicians a soldiers or a policemen, but without the benefits these jobs naturally share.

The draft law in discussion does not respect the independence of the profession of doctors/physicians, as elsewhere in European Union, and do not respect the autonomy (from the political bodies) of the professional chambers of healthcare workers. It is not acceptable that the Ministry of Health have the right to exclude health care professional from the medical profession for 10 year by imposition of fines for breach work duty, without court proceedings only by its decision. Even under the current Slovak Criminal Code so far are penalties of disqualification from one to ten years.

Please note that the experience of the last period in Slovakia convinces us that the intention of the promoter for the adoption of this amendment is contrary to Article 1 of the ILO Convention on the Abolition of Forced Labour number 105 of 1957, under which forced labor not be used to enforce labor discipline. The reason for limiting the right to strike should be a crisis situation, not vice versa. Realization of the right to the free performance of the medical profession can not justify the declaration of emergency.

Right to freedom of movement for workers, as one of the four pillars of the freedoms of European citizens would become illusory if it depended only on the authority of the government, when decides limiting the free movement of people.

From the above reason, we decided to inquire about the situation all our members, European institutions, MEPs, because we believe that such laws have no place in modern Europe.

Therefore we urge you not to support proposed changes in the laws.

Therefore,

We fundamentally reject these totalian practices and ask for the competent statal authorities to correct the situation in Ministry of health and in Parliament and draw personal responsibility.

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