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Your Excellency,

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents National Medical Associations across Europe, including the Slovak Medical Chamber, the Slovenská lekárska komora.

Since the agreement reached between Slovak doctors and the government in late 2011, the Slovak Medical Chamber has provided CPME with regular reports on developments. In the latest up-date, we were most concerned to hear that the progress made has now been overshadowed by proposals for changes to legislation which risk endangering the rights and autonomy of individual doctors and the medical profession as a whole.

CPME would like to underline that the sustainability of healthcare systems crucially depends on the effective protection of lawful conditions for professional practice, which respect European and international human rights and employment rights for doctors, for the direct benefit of high quality healthcare.

CPME therefore fully supports the efforts of the Slovak Medical Chamber to ensure the legislative framework safeguards doctors' rights and lawful working conditions.

We sincerely hope that these objectives can be met in order to protect the best possible quality of care of every patient.

Yours sincerely,

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cc : Mgr. Pavol Paška, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic