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To the President of UEMS and
the members of the Enlarged
Executive Committee,
Brussels, Belgium.

c/o C.E.O. Mr. Bertrand Daval.

14/09/2016.

Dear President and members of the EEC,

During the last meeting of the UEMS Section of PRM in Prague (25-27/08/2016) it was discussed the situation in several EU countries concerning the practice of some parts of medicine from non medical professions, like osteopaths, chiropractors et al. This problem is continuously increasing from these professions, with requests to national governments and national health systems, to overpass the medical profession, by accepting directly patients without a medical diagnosis and reference (the problem is getting very urgent in Italy, Belgium and Portugal). The whole problem is against the UEMS definition of Medical Act and the position of the European Supreme Court concerning the paramedical professions or health allied professions.

The UEMS PRM Section has entitled me to kindly ask you to discuss this problem on EEC or Council level, and if you agree to proceed to a survey in EU states, concerning the situation in each state, for the protection of the patients and the medical profession from non-medical professionals practising medical activities.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely yours,

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