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Declaration of Physicians Dedicated to the Diagnosis and Care of Patients with Infectious Diseases

As members of the medical profession and representatives of the leading medical societies of our countries, we welcome and support the World Medical Association's revised Declaration of Geneva, 2017.

In a similar way to national states, the European Union (EU) has responsibility for EU-wide laws and standards for health-related products and for services to patients. As citizens of Europe, we are fully committed to these goals and values of the EU, and we demand the very best medical management of patients throughout the world, including within Europe.

As specialists in Infectious Diseases and Clinical/Medical Microbiology who practice medicine in Europe, we express our concerns regarding multiple important issues which seriously compromise both the care of individual patients and the wider public health which have not, in our view, yet been adequately addressed. An important additional effect of these issues will be the impact on the costs of provision of services by our national healthcare systems. If these issues are not addressed proactively, these costs will continue to rise significantly over the next few years.

All relevant parties need to be fully aware that infectious diseases do not recognize national borders and that collaborative and coordinated approaches are essential with sufficiently high standards of medical care and in Public Health. In particular, multi-antimicrobial resistance, the emergence of new and even life-threatening infectious diseases, a lack of good-quality vaccines for key diseases, and inadequate expertise in international health migration medicine are current challenges for physicians throughout the world. Without adequate attention, the situation will clearly worsen.

While the new concept, "One World, One Health", is certainly a good start, the lack of physicians with appropriate and adequate training in diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases is not addressed in this program. The new and formidable challenges can only be mastered across the entire continent of Europe if physicians dedicated to the care of patients suffering from infectious diseases are trained to a uniformly high level in the diagnosis,



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management, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases. We therefore urgently request support for a well-structured and uniformly high-quality post-graduate training program for physicians working in Infectious Diseases and Clinical/Medical Microbiology in all of our countries.

Accordingly, we mandate our European and national representatives to strengthen the European ideal of further working together by endorsing uniform specialty training in both specialties throughout Europe.

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