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cc: H.E. Ms Ene Ergma, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Estonia

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Your Excellency,

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents National Medical Associations across Europe, including the Eesti Arstide Liit (EAL), the Estonian Medical Association.

In reports from the Estonian Medical Association, CPME was most concerned to learn of the conditions which the medical profession is exposed to. In the interest of patient safety and the provision of high quality healthcare services, it is essential that the working conditions for the health workforce are lawful and safe. For the sustainability of the system, it is furthermore crucial to ensure that doctors are not forced to migrate due to bad working conditions, low remuneration and in consequence a growing unattractiveness of the medical profession.

CPME strongly encourages the Estonian Medical Association in its campaign for just working conditions and equitable high quality healthcare. We support their efforts to engage in a dialogue to address the systemic causes of the current imbalance and believe in the benefits of cooperation between all parties involved.

We look forward to hearing from you as to how appropriate action is to be taken by the Estonian government in order to improve the current situation in order to safeguard the future of healthcare for every patient in Estonia.

Yours sincerely,

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