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Statement of Support for Junior Doctors in Poland

In the beginning of October, a number of junior doctors in Poland went on a hunger protest over insufficient healthcare funding, insufficient wages and poor working conditions. Over the whole month the situation erupted into a national discussion with all major medical workers unions joining the protest, and demanding an urgent increase of healthcare funding in Poland, which is currently one of the lowest in Europe.

As the European Junior Doctors Association, we cannot be indifferent to healthcare problems anywhere in Europe and we express our strong support over actions taken by Porozumienie Rezydentów OZZL and all the medical workers in Poland. Healthcare is an important issue, and we urge the Polish decision-makers to find a proper solution for all parties. This way, we can avoid further harm to the Polish healthcare system, and above all, to the patients.

About EJD

The European Junior Doctors Association brings together national junior doctors' organisations within Europe. It was established in 1976 and since then has grown into the European Medical Organisation with the most comprehensive national membership, representing over 300,000 junior doctors around Europe. It is registered in Brussels and is a non-governmental (NGO), independent and non-profit organization.

It is EJD's aim to ensure top quality postgraduate medical education, fair working conditions and recognition, and free and unencumbered mobility for all junior doctors working in Europe.

The mission of EJD is to:

- represent and promote the interests of Junior Doctors in Europe;
- exchange information and develop a common approach, and formulate common views on relevant topics such as the medical workforce, postgraduate medical education and working conditions;
- improve and develop relations between Junior Doctors in European countries; and
- protect and improve standards of healthcare in Europe.

Since its founding, EJD has actively intervened in representing the medical profession in Europe. Junior Doctors all over Europe are faced with similar challenges, and bringing together all these shared experiences is one of the main strengths of EJD. Under the motto 'one country, one vote, one language', EJD manages to use the cultural, scientific and political diversity of its members in its favour to contribute towards improving training and working conditions for European Junior Doctors, for the benefit of public health.

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