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Dear All,

Herewith my latest revision of the draft policy document on the handling of the documents from the Associated Organisations.

I have attempted to include all your comments in the text but appreciate that more alterations may be required.

Therefore, may I have any initial reactions quickly (within 10 days) following which I suggest everyone discusses it in their Executives with a view to finalising it at the next meeting prior to Markku presenting it to the Board of CP (when the fun should start).

Regards,  
Len.

The management of documents submitted by the Associated Organisations to the Board / General Assembly of CP.

## PRINCIPLES

1. The associated organisations of the CP perform expert work in their individual branch of the profession, expanding the scope of medical activities beyond the possibilities of the CP.
2. It is desirable that the CP, as the umbrella organisation representing all the varying medical organisations in Europe, should, whenever possible, be the principal spokesman of the profession in order to strengthen that advocacy.
3. The Associated Organisations, as independent bodies, are free to communicate and promote their documents to external institutions where a need occurs.
4. The documents of the Associated Organisations, whilst expressing the expert views of that group, should also be acceptable to the medical profession as a whole. As these documents are the results of extensive deliberations between the members of the originating organisation and represent the agreed European position of that organisation, such documents are not alterable by the CP.
5. When agreed, the officers of the CP will actively promote and commend the documents to the appropriate European Institutions (Council of Ministers, European Commission, European Parliament, Council of Europe).
6. The CP should find ways to speed up the handling of these documents.
7. The autonomy and expertise of the Associated Organisations (AEMH, FEMS, IFMSA, PWG, UEMO, UEMS) must be respected.

## METHODS

1. All documents must be accompanied by:
  - a short explanation of the generation of the document
  - its background
  - its aim
  - a formal proposal
2. The individual organisation will indicate whether the document is commended to the CP
  - for information,
  - for recognition of its view on a particular matter,
  - for endorsement,
  - for active promotion to the European institutions

3. Prior to submission to the CP, the document will initially be circulated to the other Associated Organisations, who will be invited to comment back to the initiating organisation.
4. The document will then be discussed at the next meeting of the Associated Organisations (at which the President and the Secretary General of the CP participate) to ensure the quality of the document and that no damage will be incurred to the interests of other Associated Organisations.
5. If supported unanimously at the meeting of the Associated Organisations, then the document will be presented to the next (not current) Board meeting by the President for formal adoption. It will be not debated. (majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the votes cast required).
6. Where there is a difference of opinion within the meeting of the Associated Organisations, that decision is communicated by the President to the Board.
7. Where the Board can not adopt a document, it will be received by the CP as the position of that Associated Organisation.
8. The Board may decide that the content of a document raises an important principle for the profession and refer it to a Subcommittee to be the basis of a CP document.