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Dear friends,

As you are well aware, UEMO adopted unanimously at its last General Assembly in Giardini Naxos on 11 May 2002, the Resolution General Practice as a Medical Specialty. This should be seen as a step forward for general practice to become a specialty.

I attach the final version of the resolution.

Kind regards,

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UEMO Resolution on General Practice as a Medical Specialty

Adopted at the UEMO General Assembly in Giardini Naxos on May 11th 2002

The European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO)

1. Declares and reaffirms the discipline of general practice to be a specialist discipline equivalent to all other medical specialties with its own unique contribution to health care and its own dedicated educational, academic and research base
2. Therefore declares general practitioners to be specialists in that discipline.

And

3. Calls on all delegations to secure agreement from their national medical organisations and other relevant authorities in order to secure recognition of the fact of that specialist status under national and European law
4. Agrees that such action must be subject to agreement among member states and assurances from the relevant authorities on, among other matters
 - minimum duration of training
 - the continued requirement for general practitioners in training to experience a significant part of that training in general practice
 - preservation of the rights of all existing general practitioners
 - preservation and development of dedicated educational structures and activities
 - that control, management and running of the specialty courses are the responsibility of general practitioners
 - the continued representation of European general practice through UEMO
5. Wishes to see such a change put into effect as soon as practicable lobbying through all possible avenues

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