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To FNAM, SIM and Ordem dos Médicos

Dear colleagues,

FEMS - European Federation of Salaried Doctors – represents doctor's trade unions and medical associations from EU member states and its goal is to defend and ensure to European doctors and their patients the best possible level of working conditions.

FEMS has been alerted on the recent development in the public healthcare sector in Portugal and is deeply concerned.

We hereby express our support to our Portuguese colleagues in strike on the 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and their claim to defend the National Health System, to perform their tasks in full respect of medical careers as well as their fight for good working conditions and adequate remuneration.

Best quality healthcare and patients' safety are the core values of European physicians and we are convinced that all people in Portugal share these values.

Yours sincerely,

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President of FEMS