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1) During the years 2003-2004, the Panhellenic Medical Association made intense efforts in order to satisfy the constant demand of the medical profession that is the enactment of National Work Convention. This Convention will ensure the following:

A) All doctors (clinical – laboratorial) will participate, if they wish so, in the Work Convention.

B) The rights and the obligations of doctors and patients.

C) The Panhellenic Medical Association in the process of this Convention will sign as contracting guarantor.

D) The precise determination of medical remuneration and services with automatic annual determined remuneration.

E) The Panhellenic Medical Association will participate in the conventions that concern Hospitals – Private Clinics – Diagnostic Centres.

2) The Panhellenic Medical Association considers the concretisation of Sanitary Chart of the country, as essential condition for the harmonious development of all Health Services. This Sanitary Chart, with the decisive intervention of the Panhellenic Medical Association, will forecast and determine so as the number of doctors, nurses, auxiliary medical stuff and beds per specialty of hospitals will cover adequately the needs in Greece.

Besides, the Panhellenic Medical Association is bringing back to the responsible Ministers the subject of upgrading the remuneration of Hospital Doctors that still remains in unacceptable low level.
Moreover, the Panhellenic Medical Association made known to the competent bodies that it is extremely essential the cover of vacant posts in medical and nursing personnel of all the hospitals of the country, while it considers exceptionally necessary the replacement of obsolete medical equipment which should meet the requirements of the new technology.

3) During the regular General Assembly of Panhellenic Medical Association that was held on 13 March 2004 in Athens, the Board of the Panhellenic Medical Association unanimously required the legislative regulation and the readjustment of prices of medical services and acts that still remain in low level for more than ten years.

The Panhellenic Medical Association made a proposal to the responsible governmental institutions for Health and Education, to legislate and make obligatory the Continuing Medical Training and also to establish a Single Educational System which will be conformed with the EC directives.

4) Finally, the Panhellenic Medical Association is trying to legislate the Codes of Medical Conduct and Deontology. This text is almost ready and is required its promotion so that becomes a Law via its voting in the Greek Parliament or via a Presidential Decree.

The Panhellenic Medical Association believes and hopes that serious problems of medical profession will be solved with the change of Government and with the new Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, Mr Nikitas Kaklamanis, – former General Secretary of Panhellenic Medical Association.

Thus, the Panhellenic Medical Association hopes that the provision of health care services to the Greek citizens will be those that the population expects and is entitled to.

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