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Resolution on the Current Situation in European Hospitals

In light of increasing economic and financial difficulties in Europe, the political and administrative authorities are adopting measures to contain hospital costs.

AEMH held a meeting in Bratislava on April 28 -29, 2006 and reiterated its appeal to decision makers against any policies that would negatively affect the quality of health care for patients.

In different European countries we are currently witnessing protest movements defending the existence or the operation of hospitals.

The disengagement of public authorities in the area of the provision of health care in favour of profit-oriented activities is likely to result in reduced quality of health care, and creates or aggravates inequalities in terms of health and social matters in the population. The increasing imbalance in recruitment and retirement of hospital physicians can result in dramatic shortages in access to medical care.

The working conditions of hospital physicians, in particular the working hours, remuneration, and the retirement perspectives tend to discourage physicians from opting for a career as a hospital physician.

Since the AEMH is aware of its responsibilities and is highly representative in Europe it supports and will continue to support any efforts that pursue an objective which is in line with this resolution.