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## DECLARATION

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We, the European Federation of Salaried Doctors and the European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians,

Being a wide representative forum of doctors from all the European states,

Fully accepting that the medical profession is a creative work which combines science, art and technique, that serves the life, health and performance capacity of the individual and the entire nation,

Considering that the medical profession is an independent profession and is entitled to the right of self-regulation,

Have adopted this Declaration by which:

1. We support the Bulgarian Medical Association in its position to assert the rightness of the Bulgarian Doctors to set a minimum rate patient fee for medical service in private practice, complying with the quality and completeness requirements;
2. We call for compliance with legal provisions of the Code of Professional Ethics, issued by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria and promulgated in State Gazette number 79 of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2000;
3. We accept that the legal provision of Art. 47 which proclaims inadmissible for the doctors to reduce their fee below the minimum rate for this activity adopted by the Bulgarian Medical Association, is fair and impartial;
4. We hope that the Bulgarian state, in representation by its bodies and institutions, shall respect and safeguard the independence and the right for self-regulation of the Bulgarian doctors by guaranteeing the already established right to set a minimal fee rate for a quality service provision.