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The European Council of Medical Orders (CEOM), which brings together twenty medical orders and medical regulatory authorities across Europe, has taken note of the concerns expressed by one of its member organisations, the Panhellenic Medical Association, regarding a proposed legislative measure that could impact its governance.

The mission of the CEOM is to promote, throughout the European Union and the European Free Trade Association, the practice of high-quality medicine that respects patients' needs and fundamental ethical principles. To this end, the CEOM fosters cooperation among its member organisations and develops common positions and standards on medical ethics and professional conduct, medical regulation, professional mobility, medical training, medical demography, and public health.

In light of these objectives, CEOM recalls that the independence of medical orders and medical regulatory authorities constitutes a fundamental safeguard for patients, the medical profession, and society as a whole. These bodies are entrusted with public-interest responsibilities, including regulating the medical profession, upholding ethical and professional standards, safeguarding patient safety, and maintaining public confidence in healthcare systems. To fulfil these responsibilities effectively, they must remain free from undue political, administrative, or economic influence.

Institutional independence is fundamental to preserving the patient–doctor relationship, maintaining public confidence in professional regulation and safeguarding trust in the medical profession.

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