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Brussels, 24th of July 2026

To: Dr Athanasios A. Exadaktylos,
President of the Panhellenic Medical Association (PhMA) / Πανελλήνιος
Ιατρικός Σύλλογος (Π.Ι.Σ.)

Re: Urgent Request for UEMS Intervention to Defend the PhMA
independence, dated 20.07.2026

Dear Dr Exadaktylos,

Dear Athanasios,

The UEMS Executive would like to thank you for your recent letter dated July 20, 2026. We appreciate you bringing these matters to the attention of the UEMS and the confidence you have placed in our organisation by sharing your concerns.

The UEMS has carefully taken note of the issues you raise. We welcome the opportunity to reaffirm the fundamental principles that have consistently guided our organisation and the European medical profession. In this context, we wish to express our full support for our Greek member, the Panhellenic Medical Association, and for the democratic and autonomous self-governance of the medical profession, which constitutes a cornerstone of professional independence and high-quality patient care.

Our organisation has consistently recognised that strong, independent, autonomous, and self-governing National Medical Associations and professional medical organisations play the most vital role in safeguarding the quality of medical practice, maintaining professional standards, and protecting the trust that exists between physicians, patients, and society. These principles contribute to ensuring that professional decisions remain guided by scientific evidence, ethical standards, and the best interests of patients.



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The UEMS values the historic contribution of the Panhellenic Medical Association to the European medical community and to the work of our organisation and we wish to express our strongest support for the continuation of its democratic organisation, self-regulation and independence.

We therefore remain committed to working closely with all our member medical associations in promoting the shared European values of professional independence, responsibility, solidarity, excellence, and the highest standards of patient care.

Please accept, Dear President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Prof. Vassilios Papalois
President of UEMS

Dr João Grenho
Secretary General of UEMS