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To the UEMO General Assembly

From the Swiss delegation

**Re. UEMO resolution on support for Swiss General Practitioners in relation to the proposed new specific training.**

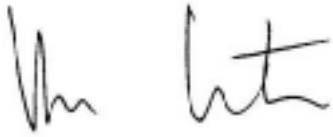
Your Swiss colleagues are requesting your support in their present conflict with the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health.

At the 7<sup>th</sup> National Health Policy Dialogue Meeting, on 30.3.06, in the presence of the responsible Minister, the Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs, it was announced that the Federal Office of Public Health had been charged with developing a specific post-graduate training scheme in primary care medicine. This new syllabus involves a shorter training period than does the current 5-year syllabus. The new syllabus is expected to attain its objectives with "fewer human, financial and time resources than does the current training". Moreover, the short training "will be offset by subsequent mandatory training sessions".

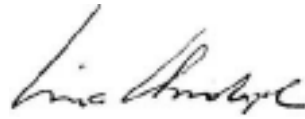
As the Swiss Society of General Medicine sees it, this short training – probably over 2-3 years – is not conducive to the free movement of persons under the terms of the bilateral agreements between Switzerland and Europe. Clearly this project is dictated by considerations of economy. It is a question of training primary care doctors on the cheap, whereas currently in Switzerland general practitioners have a specialist's title with a 5-year post-graduate training. Freedom of movement of our European colleagues could be arranged by additional training or credits, rather than by reducing Swiss training.

The Swiss Society of General Medicine seeks the support of the UEMO. This would involve reminding the Swiss authorities that the UEMO campaigns for the general practitioner to be a specialist and sets a 5-year training as its goal, even though that may not yet be achievable everywhere in Europe. To return to training, in a country which has for many years had a specialist's title (III), to a title IV, would set an infelicitous precedent for UEMO policy.

The Swiss Society of General Medicine presents this request with the support of the Swiss Society of Doctors (Foederatio Medicorum Helveticorum FMH).



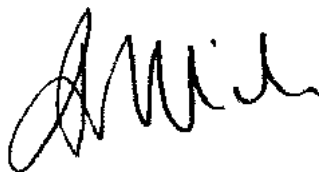
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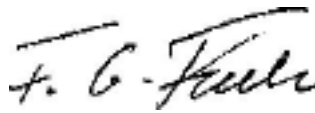
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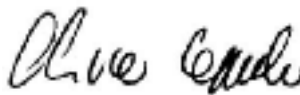
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