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Dear President,

We have learned that junior medical doctors in Poland continue their hunger strike that they started on 2 October 2017 for improvements in working conditions and salaries and increase in health budget. We follow with sadness from the media and information provided by our young colleagues in Poland that taking up more than one job and successive night shifts as a result of low salaries and some other practices that endanger the health of both physicians and people lead to cases of death during night shifts.

We call on the Prime Minister of Poland to consider the demands of higher and fairer salaries and improvements in working conditions by assistant physicians without causing further harm to the health of even more physicians.

While conveying our feelings of solidarity to our Polish colleagues we stress our wish that demands are urgently met and this hazardous action comes to an end without any harm to anybody.

Kind regards,
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