Appeal no 1/11/P-IV of Presidium of the Supreme Medical Council of 14 January 2011

regarding the support for Czech medical doctors

Presidium of the Supreme Medical Council on behalf of the Polish medical doctors and dental practitioners expresses solidarity with the Czech medical doctors, who are striving for proper working conditions in the Czech Republic. The Czech doctors are demanding decent remuneration and fair system of professional development. Systematic rejection by the authorities of these reasonable expectations has compelled the Czech colleagues to seek better, decent working conditions. Within the campaign "Thanks, We Are Leaving" almost 4 000 Czech physicians have handed the employment termination notices and are determined to leave the country in order to take up employment abroad.

Presidium of the Supreme Medical Council calls on the authorities of the Czech Republic to stop slandering the physicians who joined the campaign, to commence serious negotiations with the protesting professionals and to fulfill their demands, which is a precondition for creating basis of safe healthcare system in the Czech Republic.

Presidium of the Supreme Medical Council asks also the Polish medical professionals to express solidarity with the Czech colleagues by supporting their campaign, e.g. by sending letters to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic (RNDr. Petr Nečas, nábřeží Edvarda Beneše 4, CZ-118 01 Praha 1) and to the Czech Medical Chamber (Česká Lékařská Komora, Lékařská 2, CZ-150 00 Praha 5).

Presidium of the Supreme Medical Council appeals also not to take up employment in the Czech Republic in the upcoming months and for readiness to accept the Czech colleagues to work in Poland.

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