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To: Dr Milan Kubek,
President of the Czech Medical Chamber

Dear Dr Kubek,
Dear Colleague,

On the 6th of January 2011 we received a letter from your International department requesting support in the current critical situation facing Czech medical doctors today. Your letter was fully discussed by the UEMS Executive at its meeting held on Saturday 15th January.

Whilst the UEMS recognises that this kind of issue is not directly within its remit, it is always concerned when the general quality of care of patients is put at risk by disputes between public authorities and doctors over proper working conditions.

The UEMS, in general, supports the Czech physicians as it believes that an improved working environment is an integral part to ensure Doctors' fitness to practise and also pre-condition for the provision of high-quality care to patients.

Bearing in mind the major role health professionals play in Healthcare systems for the benefit of patients, the UEMS advocates mutual understanding and respect between Governing Authorities and the Healthcare professionals as the starting point for good and fruitful collaboration in order to address the common aim: the delivery of the highest quality healthcare to patients considering that "*Salus egroti suprema lex esto*" - the well being of the patient is the most important law.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Zlatko Fras
President

Dr. Bernard Maillet
Secretary-General