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Free movement of persons in the EU is a fundamental right which applies to patients.

The existing Social Security Regulation 1408/71 concerns refunding and advance of expenses of cross-border co-operation in healthcare. The Commission's proposal is a retrograde step compared to these existing rules.

This proposal establishes an imbalance to the disadvantage especially on the new Member States of Central and Eastern Europe.

The delegations of FEMS gathered at the General Assembly in Warsaw (PL) expect European authorities to answer to their legitimate concern on security of the European patients in the event of medical complications:

- Which is the medical team responsible for the continuation of care and
- Which financial organization will support these costs.

The delegations of FEMS gathered at the General Assembly expect a text establishing a legal framework for the future of healthcare systems in Europe, respecting our common values: solidarity, compassion and equal access to the care.

The delegations of FEMS gathered at the General Assembly hope that health will be finally treated as a pillar of the European social model, responding to the logic of general interest and not to a purely commercial logic.