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President

Dear Minister,

In February this year, the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies approved the new "Security Act" proposed by the Northern League and supported by your government, including an article which allows doctors to denounce immigrant patients in irregular situation to authorities.

Besides the fact that this measure will not have the desired effect in terms of infection diseases, because it will expand them in a clandestine manner, it is shocking for European salaried doctors united in our European Federation, who are working mainly in hospitals and local and regional health facilities. Indeed, the denunciation of patients, who entrust with confidence their health to doctors, is not acceptable both from a moral, ethical and deontological point of view. It means for doctors to play an administrative role that is not theirs, creating a dependent relationship between doctors and the administrative and judicial authorities that no doctor, worthy of the title, can accept. This shameful link is contrary to the "Hippocratic Oath" and the text of your National Constitution.

This measure has been denounced by prominent medical leaders in your country: the Association of Catholic Doctors, Caritas, Médecins Sans Frontières Italy, Società Italiana di Medicina delle Migrazioni, Osservatorio Italiano Giuridici sull'Immigrazione, Osservatorio Italiano sulla Global Salute and the National Association of Doctors (FNOMCeO).

At the last General Assembly held in Brussels on 12 June 2009, delegations of our European Federation wished unanimously to express their indignation and put me in charge to inform you. We will offer our full support to the Italian medical organizations members of FEMS: CIMO-ASMD, ANAAO, ANPO, AAROI, SNR in the fight against this measure, including legal remedies before the Italian and /or European institutions.

With the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Strasbourg, le 6 July 2009



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