

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

CPME Endorsement of the WMA Statement on medical neutrality

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) endorses the statement made by the World Medical Association on 15 October 2023, as found below.

“The World Medical Association stands firmly for the principles of medical neutrality as defined by the Geneva Convention, and calls on all parties to respect International Law and the integrity of unrelated civilian populations.’

WMA mourns over the loss of lives, especially those of healthcare personnel on both sides of the conflict, and stands in solidarity with all the physicians and healthcare personnel who are on the frontline, risking their lives to provide crucial medical care during these challenging times.

We remain committed to our mission of advocating for the ethical practice of medicine and promoting peace and respect for humanitarian principles.

The WMA urgently calls upon all parties involved in the conflict to:

- Respect established International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and not use health facilities as military quarters or depots, nor to target health personnel facilities and vehicles.
- Provide to health personnel the adequate conditions to treat all patients with humanity and in compliance with the ethical values of their professions, including medical neutrality.
- Use humanitarian corridors to permit the safe provision of health equipment and humanitarian supplies required in Gaza.”