



H.E Mr. Vincent Theo DEGERT
Ambassador
Head of Delegation
DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
Belgrade

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Your Excellency,

You are kindly asked to provide us with the information regarding the public statements of Dr. Zoran Stanković, the Health Minister, that you have given the approval for passage of the amendments to systemic laws regulating the public health care system of Serbia.

On 22 July 2011 the Serbian National Assembly held a session where the total of 103 amendments to systemic laws regulating the public health care system of Serbia were considered. At the Assembly rostrum, Dr. Zoran Stanković set out in live broadcast on national television that he had received the approval from the European Union Ambassador Vincent Deger.

The Serbian Government, in its answers to EU Questionaire, marked the health care system as the most corrupt filed. Despite this, without public discussion or knowledge of the Serbian citizens and patients, in a very suspicious atmosphere 103 draft amendments were promulgated into laws. Said amendments to statutes are in contravention of the European Charter of Patients' Rights and known European standards. The patients are forfeited the right to free selection of physician(s), and the amendments of laws, according to Health Minister's own words give a statutory basis to deny the right to health services to patients who do not accept the physicians that were imposed on them and who have paid medical insurance in advance. By strengthening the monopoly, these amendments to laws additionally invigorate the corruption in health care.

The citizens of Serbia already have experience with our officials who deceive the public hiding behind the name or authority of European Union and hence your reply is of interest for correct informing of the patients and Serbian citizens.

Kind regards,

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