

# **Statement adopted by the International Conference of the Orders and the Organisations with Similar Attributions**

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Representatives of the Medical Orders and the Organisations with Similar Attributions from Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, and Luxembourg have decided the creation of a "*International Conference of the Orders and the Organisations with Similar Attributions*".

For the representatives of these organisations, in particular in charge of defending and enforcing professional ethics, a permanent dialogue is necessary to enable them to successfully complete their specific mission.

As a first step, and in order to be effective, it seems that this dialogue should be organised first of all at European level in order to allow or facilitate exchange of views as broad as possible about the basis of the medical ethics and the possible ways to safeguard it and ensure its enforcement.

The confrontation of a maximum of pertinent opinions on this topic seems to be necessary so as to provide patients the guaranty of the most conscientious care, in compliance with moral rules of the medical profession.

When appropriate, members of this Conference from countries of the European Communities will have to study the implementation of the Community Directives, in the field of competence of the Orders and Organisations with Similar Attributions.

Conference's members recognise the merit and the value of the work carried out for developing these Directives, in particular the work of the Standing Committee of Doctors of the ECC, on behalf of the European doctors.

The application of these Directives raises specific ethics issues ; it appears obvious that this task will be successfully completed by those who are in charge of this in each member state, only after regular meetings, allowing the exchange of information.