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ZDRAVNIŠKA ZBORNICA SLOVENIJE President Prim. Andrej Možina, M.D. Dunajska cesta 162 LJUBLJANA SLOVENIA

Ref: Incident of the killed physician in Izola, August 21, 2016

Dear dr. Možina, dear colleague,

it is with great distress and disbelief that we have heard about the horrible incident in Izola two days ago when a physician was shot and killed in the attack in front of the hospital.

Only a month ago a similar incident took place in Berlin, Germany when also a physician was killed in similar violent circumstances.

Unfortunately, such violent events where physicians' lives are endangered happen frequently; sadly, many of them also in Croatia. The Croatian Medical Chamber offered on its web-site to its members a possibility to report violent behavior to the Chamber; also we addressed authorities to make changes in the Criminal Law in the view of more severe punishments toward attackers on physicians.

Finally, allow me to express, on behalf of the Croatian Medical Chamber and Croatian physicians, our condolences to the grieving family, friends, colleagues and co-workers of the killed physician.

Sincerely yours,

President of the

Croatian Medical Chamber

Trpimir Goluža, M.D., Ph.D.