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To ESMO
Att. Dr Razvan Popescu
Chair of the National Representatives and Membership Committee

Protocol No: 4919/ 16-12-2013

Athens, November 16th 2013

Dear Sir/ Madam,

On the subject of the endorsement of the ESMO Position Paper "The Current and Future Role of Medical Oncologist in the Professional Care for Cancer Patients", we regret to inform you that we should withdraw our support and the name of our Society from the paper, published in the Annals of Oncology in 13/12/2013.

This is due to the fact that the map depicting the European countries (page 3), refers to the country recognized under the name of "FYROM" by the UN, as Macedonia (FYROM). As you probably are aware of, there is a pending dispute over the name between this country and the Hellenic Republic, and the majority of the Board of Directors members feel that we should oppose the use of this term in a publication by an official and respected European medical society, like ESMO.

Thank you for your cooperation and we remain at your disposal for any future actions.

Best regards,

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of HeSMO

The PRESIDENT

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