

ARCHIVED: WMA COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON THE AUTONOMY OF PROFESSIONAL ORDERS IN WEST AFRICA

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PREAMBLE

The Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa (Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine; UEMOA) brings together eight countries of West Africa using CFA Franc as a currency. This tool of integration advocates for the free circulation and settlement of physicians in the countries of UEMOA.

There is a College of the Orders of Physicians, bringing together the Orders of member countries of the Union. The Orders are often under the supervision of the health ministries. This situation often confines the technical and administrative autonomy and impedes the good management of the medical mapping of the region, undermining access to health care for the populations.

RECOMMENDATION

Reiterating its Declaration of Madrid on Professional Autonomy and Self-Regulation and its Resolution on the Independence of National Medical Associations, the WMA requests that the independence, professional autonomy and self-regulation be guaranteed within the countries of the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa.