

Uppsala, April 27, 2016

Motion for an amendment of the HOPE Charter in the General Assembly 2016 in Vienna, Austria

Proposal to amend the first point of our charter

- 1. 'Every sick child has the right to tuition within hospital or at home.'**

as follows:

***"Every sick child has the right to tuition within hospital or at home,
also when treated in a country other than their own."***

Explanatory Note

First let me thank the organizers of the Vienna congress for having chosen the theme *Migration, Multilingualism and Medical Needs. Pedagogics for the 21st century.*

Little did you, nor anyone of us know then in Bucharest, how during these two years migration would increase beyond our imagination and as a consequence demand further education with focus on migrant children also for hospital teachers.

The matter also regards young patients who seek medical treatment in a hospital of another European country, or even in another national region or city.

In Europe of today we already find countries with parallel societies with different civil rights and access to welfare; one for people born in the country and one for newcomers.

The developments as described above may create uncertainties for children without legal status when they are hospitalized.

Each and every young patient in Europe must have access to education, no matter where they live or where they come from.

With this in mind I believe the Vienna Congress must be the right moment for the General Assembly of HOPE to consider an amendment of the first point of our Charter.

We can be proud of our Charter. It is a unique document we as hospital teachers have agreed to stand behind. Our aim is to work for the fulfillment of the ten points.

The European Charter for *The Rights and Educational Needs of Sick Children and Adolescents* was first adopted by the HOPE General Assembly in Barcelona in May 2000. My proposal is the first amendment to the original Charter from Barcelona.

The General Assembly is the highest authority of the association; I now ask you to vote in favour of my proposal.

With friendly greetings to you all.

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Member of HOPE