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EUROPEAN DOCTORS

CPME Activity report

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CPME MEDECINS EUROPEENS
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We represent national medical associations across Europe, covering roughly:

1.7 million European Doctors from 37 countries

We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.



We promote the highest level of medical training and practice but also the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.

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ΠΑΓΚΥΠΡΙΟΣ ΙΑΤΡΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ
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(Romanian College of Physicians)

Slovakia
Slovenská lekárska komora
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Slovenia
Zdravniška zbornica Slovenije
(Medical Chamber of Slovenia)

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(Swedish Medical Association)

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(Swiss Medical Association)

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(Royal Dutch Medical Association)

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(Order of Physicians of Albania)

Georgia
Georgian Medical Association

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Israeli Medical Association

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(Kosovo* Doctors Chamber)

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(Doctor's Chamber of North Macedonia)

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Policy and Priorities 2025-2027

Policy clusters	Priorities include
Digital Health	AI, EU Health Data Space, eHealth, Digital Skills, Cybersecurity, Data Protection
Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Products	Access & Shortages, Falsified Medicines, Medical Devices, Antibiotics, Legislation
Public Health	Environmental Health, Vaccination, Alcohol & Tobacco Control, Food Systems, Mental Health, Gambling
Professional Practice & Patients' Rights	Health workforce, Independence, Professional Qualifications, Health Systems

Conference in the European Parliament: Solutions for the European Health Workforce Crisis

- On 20 March 2025, doctors from 30 countries contributed to a discussion on sustainable solutions to the European health workforce crisis at an event hosted by MEP Dr András Kulja and MEP Tilly Metz.

- The press release on the event is here and the video recording is here.

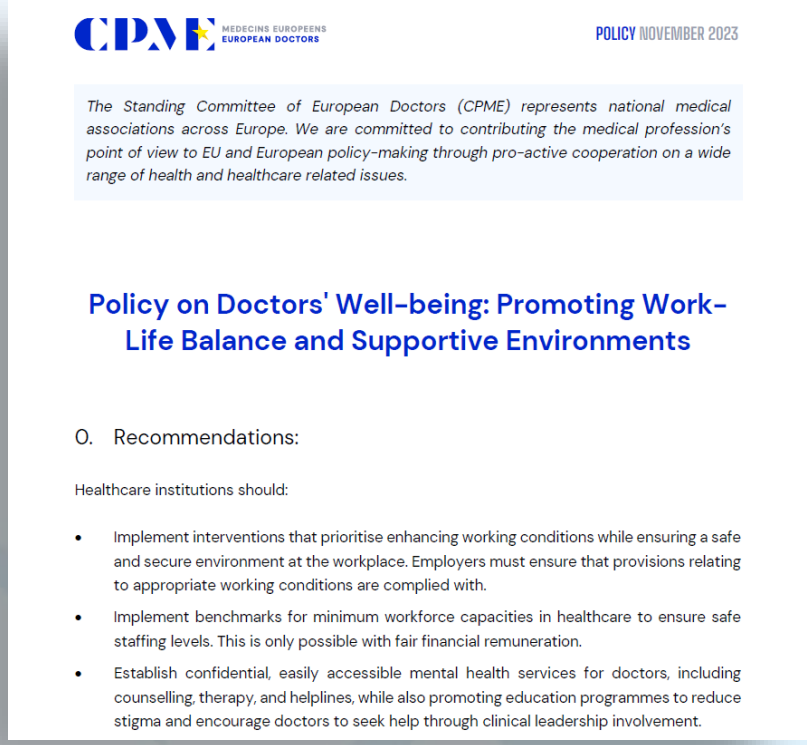


POLICY AGENDA

Professional Practice & Patients' Rights

- Support to WHO-Europe survey on doctors' mental health and well-being
- Upcoming launch of a members' survey on safe staffing
- March 2025: Launch of video campaign #DoctorsVoice on the situation of the medical workforce on shortages, violence against doctors, working conditions

- Continued action on doctors' well-being
- Promotion of policy on the quality of basic medical education, calling for authorities at the national and European level to take action to safeguard high standards
- Joint statement of the European Medical Organisations on health workforce



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Policy on Doctors' Well-being: Promoting Work-Life Balance and Supportive Environments

0. Recommendations:

Healthcare institutions should:

- Implement interventions that prioritise enhancing working conditions while ensuring a safe and secure environment at the workplace. Employers must ensure that provisions relating to appropriate working conditions are complied with.
- Implement benchmarks for minimum workforce capacities in healthcare to ensure safe staffing levels. This is only possible with fair financial remuneration.
- Establish confidential, easily accessible mental health services for doctors, including counselling, therapy, and helplines, while also promoting education programmes to reduce stigma and encourage doctors to seek help through clinical leadership involvement.



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Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Products

- New statement on medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics, March 2025
  - high quality standards for medical devices essential to ensure patient safety

- Continued lobbying with on EU general pharmaceutical legislation
  - Joint statement on need to maintain paper leaflets alongside electronic product Information
  - Position on the Critical Medicine Act
- Dissemination of Guidelines on transparency of relationships between doctors and healthcare industry, November 2024



Brussels, 17 March 2025
Originally published on 15 November 2024

CPME, PGEU, BEUC, AGE, HOPE, AIM, EFN, EAHP, EPF
Joint Statement on Electronic Product Information (ePI)

Doctors, nurses, community and hospital pharmacists, hospitals and healthcare services, consumers, older people, health insurance funds and not-for-profit health mutuals, patients call on legislators to maintain paper package leaflets, and use electronic leaflets as a complementary tool.

Ahead of the future co-legislators' interinstitutional negotiations on the European Commission's Proposal for a revised pharmaceutical legislation in the European Union,[1] the signatory organisations appeal for inclusive provisions that leave no one behind and are respectful of privacy and personal data protection.

We call upon the co-legislators to:

Contribute to an inclusive society, without ena
divide and limit individuals' choice
We call on the EU to guarantee the right to use dig
paper leaflet for those who do not,[2] or cannot. We
device to access basic health information. An excl
sufficient connectivity, an internet data plan, and to
imposes a level of digitalisation without considering
cannot, due to age, geographical location, disabilit
also disproportionate to what the paper alternative

Recognise the importance of the package leaflet
We highlight that the package leaflet is a vital comp
and effective use of the medicines they take, which
furthermore a tool to improve health literacy. Paper
and unbiased information that helps the patient to m
such information and its storage more difficult plac
example, studies conducted in other fields show that
available through a QR Code[3].

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Guidelines on transparency of relationships between doctors and healthcare industry

Preamble

In the treatment context, the relationship established betw
based on mutual trust. Doctors are expected to always act fo
Patients have the right to safety and to the best treatment p
prescribing certain medicines, as well as in using certain
diagnostic tools in the course of a treatment should in n
factors. Conflicts of interest can harm the independence
capacity to take an informed decision.

However, the collaboration between the medical profes
involved in the healthcare sector (hereafter 'commerci
necessary at all stages of the development and use o
technologies, in order to secure safety of patients and effi
commercial companies involved in the healthcare secto
therapies, medical devices and even eHealth solutions that
other hand, doctors provide their experience and knowledg
collaboration is essential to patients and society as a whole.

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STATEMENT MARCH 2025

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Statement on medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics regulations

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the ongoing targeted evaluation of the EU rules on medical devices and vitro diagnostics.

CPME believes that having high quality standards for medical devices is essential to ensure patient safety. All necessary efforts should be made to ensure that access to medical devices is guaranteed in all member states, leaving no one behind.

European doctors remain supportive of the objectives of the Medical Devices Regulation (MDR) and the In Vitro Diagnostic Regulation (IVDR) to ensure rigorous pre-market assessment and market surveillance to increase patient safety. We note that there has been some progress on traceability of devices, however, it can still be developed further. In this regard, any future revision of the current regulatory framework needs to ensure that EUDAMED is fully operational. We also reiterate the need to prevent future disruptions in the availability of medical devices to safeguard patient care. This applies, for example, to the small but particularly vulnerable patient group of infants and young children, for whom there have repeatedly been dramatic shortages in the supply of sometimes vital medical devices.

Certification of medical devices reassures doctors that these devices are safe for use, therefore standards must not be downgraded. EU legislation and regulations (e.g. for AI, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – PFAS, etc.) which also affect medical devices should be kept in mind when the MDR and IVDR are evaluated and considerations are made as to whether further regulation is indicated.

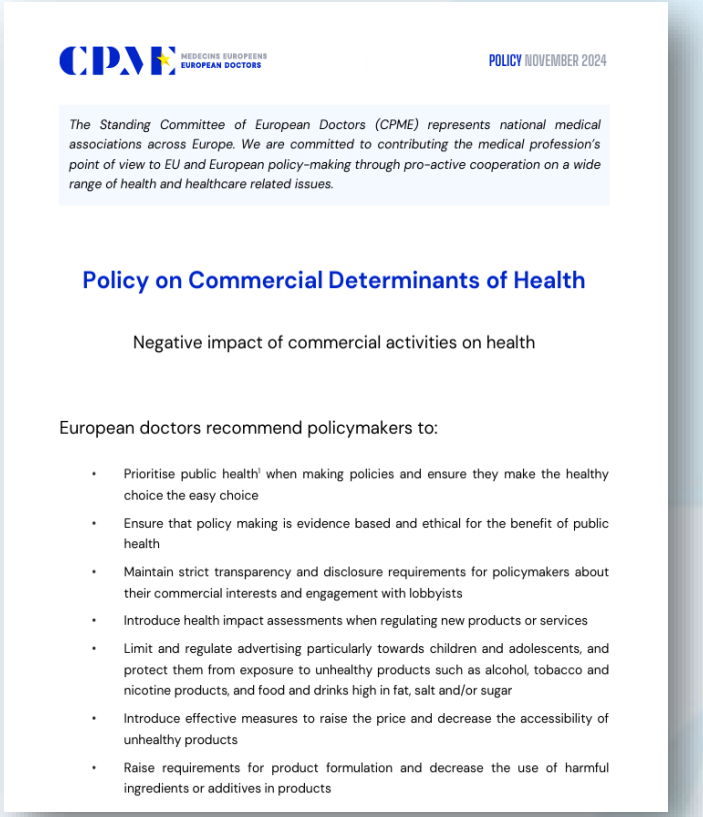
We stress that it could be worth simplifying requirements for all low-risk devices, but that must be done without compromising patient safety.

Regarding key areas for certification for doctors for AI products, the certification of AI-driven software solutions is essential and should, at least, address cybersecurity, data privacy, efficiency and workflow integration, interoperability, explainability, model robustness, bias mitigation, and legal liability. This is even more important in the context of emerging technological (including digital) and scientific progress in the medical devices field and the growing interplay between medical devices and artificial intelligence legislations[1].

POLICY AGENDA

Public Health

- New Working Group on Public Health
  - development of a new policy on the health effects of gambling
  - Upcoming members' survey to map how European countries support the mental health of doctors
- Action on clean air and climate change, e.g. through EU Healthy Air Coalition
- Co-chairing the Coalition for Vaccination, with a press release for WHO European Immunisation Week
- Urging the EU to revise the tobacco control directives
- New European Alcohol Health Alliance with WHO/Europe



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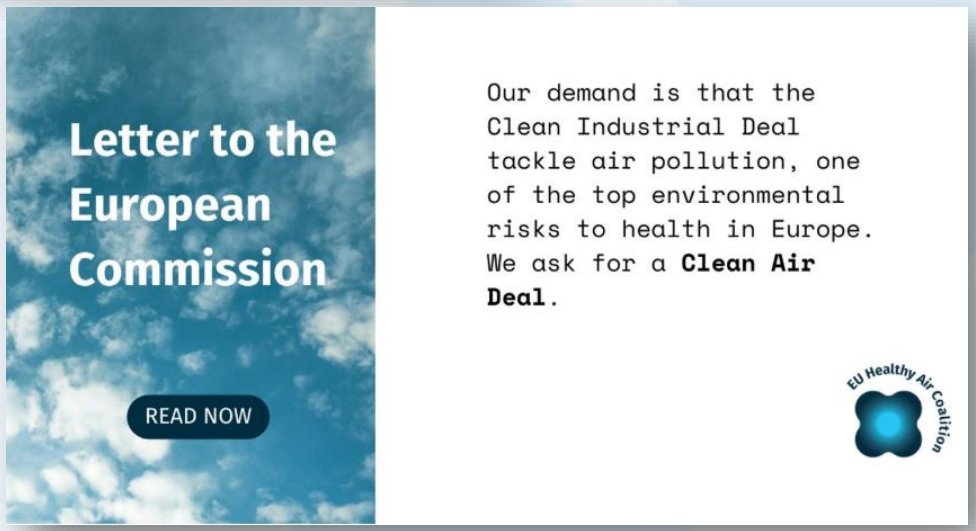
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Policy on Commercial Determinants of Health

Negative impact of commercial activities on health

European doctors recommend policymakers to:

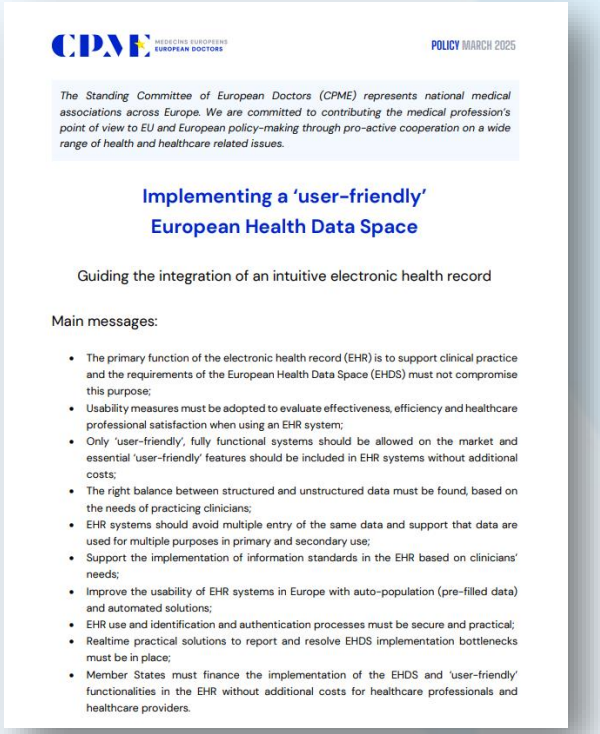
- Prioritise public health[1] when making policies and ensure they make the healthy choice the easy choice
- Ensure that policy making is evidence based and ethical for the benefit of public health
- Maintain strict transparency and disclosure requirements for policymakers about their commercial interests and engagement with lobbyists
- Introduce health impact assessments when regulating new products or services
- Limit and regulate advertising particularly towards children and adolescents, and protect them from exposure to unhealthy products such as alcohol, tobacco and nicotine products, and food and drinks high in fat, salt and/or sugar
- Introduce effective measures to raise the price and decrease the accessibility of unhealthy products
- Raise requirements for product formulation and decrease the use of harmful ingredients or additives in products



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Digital Health

- European Health Data Space
  - New CPME policy on Implementing a 'user-friendly' European Health Data Space
    - Seamless integration with other clinical software
    - Call to measure and reduce documentation burden
  - Adopted EU legislation on European Health Data Space including many amendments proposed by CPME
- Policy on deployment of AI in healthcare
- i2X Project: Aim at increasing patient access to their health data and improving the availability of high-quality health data in electronic health records



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Implementing a 'user-friendly' European Health Data Space

Guiding the integration of an intuitive electronic health record

Main messages:

- The primary function of the electronic health record (EHR) is to support clinical practice and the requirements of the European Health Data Space (EHDS) must not compromise this purpose;
- Usability measures must be adopted to evaluate effectiveness, efficiency and healthcare professional satisfaction when using an EHR system;
- Only 'user-friendly', fully functional systems should be allowed on the market and essential 'user-friendly' features should be included in EHR systems without additional costs;
- The right balance between structured and unstructured data must be found, based on the needs of practicing clinicians;
- EHR systems should avoid multiple entry of the same data and support that data are used for multiple purposes in primary and secondary use;
- Support the implementation of information standards in the EHR based on clinicians' needs;
- Improve the usability of EHR systems in Europe with auto-population (pre-filled data) and automated solutions;
- EHR use and identification and authentication processes must be secure and practical;
- Realtime practical solutions to report and resolve EHDS implementation bottlenecks must be in place;
- Member States must finance the implementation of the EHDS and 'user-friendly' functionalities in the EHR without additional costs for healthcare professionals and healthcare providers.



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European Doctors @CPME_EUROPA · Jan 11

We are delighted to discuss the "European Health Data Space – Challenges and Opportunities?" at the European Parliament with MEP @istvan_ujhelyi and @AIM_Healthcare, @eupatientsforum and @euhospitals

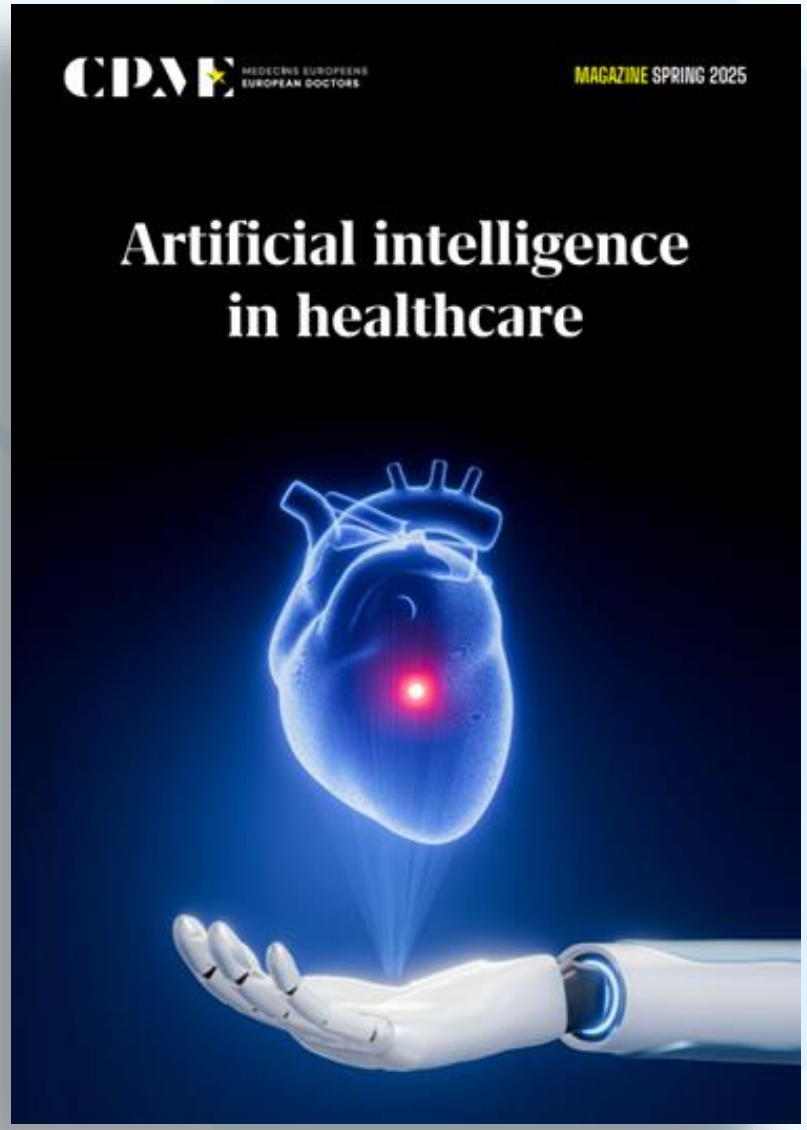
#EHDS #HealthUnion

AIM and 3 others

MAGAZINE SPRING 2025

Spring magazine focuses on artificial intelligence in healthcare

- Editorial from our President, Dr Ole Johan Bakke
- Feature on artificial intelligence in healthcare
- Clean air action in European Parliament
- Report on European Awareness Week on Alcohol Related Harm 2024
- World Medical Association article extending ethical principles for research involving humans into the digital world
- Read the magazine here





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EUROPEAN DOCTORS CONTINUE TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

Ukraine Medical Help Fund

UKRAINE MEDICAL HELP FUND

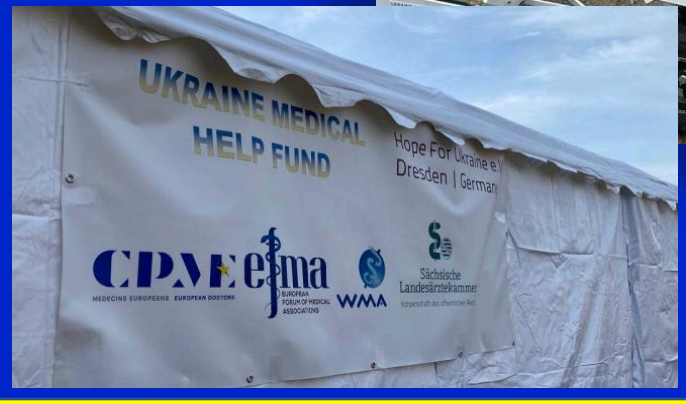
With WMA and EFMA, around €3 million donated

Major shipments of medicines and medical devices purchased and transported, also including:

- Evacuation units (pictured on right)
- Tourniquets
- Birthing beds
- Intensive care materials
- Neurosurgical equipment
- Warming tents, generators (pictured)







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European Election Campaign

Health Check for Europe 2024-2029

European doctors' ambitions to continue building the European Health Union:

1. Tackle the health workforce crisis
2. Ensure a safe digital transformation of healthcare
3. Enable healthier living
4. Guarantee accessibility and effectiveness of medicines
5. Take climate action for better health



AGENDA

Upcoming events

- 24–25 October 2025: CPME General Assembly, Athens
- 20–21 March 2026: CPME General Assembly, Dublin
- 12–14 November 2026: CPME General Assembly, Berlin




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Many thanks for your attention!

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