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Dear friends and colleagues,

You make medicine your lives, and see doctors as your brothers and sisters. Therefore, there's no one better than you to understand the emotion that seizes me as I am formally given the mission of representing this House.

The President of the WMA is expected to be the face of and voice behind the opinions of the more than nine million doctors of the 97 national medical associations that constitute this institution.

I feel deeply honored for having been chosen. I feel grateful to have been given such a privilege by you, and I am committed to meeting the imme

