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Mr. Chair, Co-chairs, Executive Committee, Secretary General, Presidents and delegates from constituent member associations, colleagues and friends, ladies and gentlemen

During the year of my Presidency, since October 16, 2010, there have been a lot of events ongoing on this planet. Natural disasters hit several places—from Chile, Christchurch, Yunnan and, the worst of the year, was the earthquake of the city of Miyaki, Sendai, Japan, which killed

3. Apart from the natural disasters that happened around the world and killed thousands of people, and a devastated economy, there were also several man-made disasters, especially around the Mediterranean, that cost a lot of lives.

What is my concern?

The provision of Health care is the ultimate goal of all health and medical personnel, but it could not be achieved if we don't have:

- 1. Professional Unity
- 2. Ethical Practice
- 3. Equitable provision of health care
- 4. Global collaboration within our profession and with the allied health professions, without discrimination due to race, nationality, colour, beliefs, religion, and gender.
- 5. Care for our younger generation
- 6. Independence from politics
- 7. Professional social responsibility
- 8. The medical profession needs to be sincere and trustworthy. Medical practice is a