

## **SICOT Declaration of Hyderabad on Violence against Healthcare Workers**

During the SICOT meeting in Hyderabad, several Presidents of national orthopaedic associations asked SICOT to protest violence against healthcare personnel which is considered by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent as "one of the most crucial yet overlooked humanitarian issues today".

Facing this increasing bane [1], SICOT, in collaboration with representatives of international and national orthopaedic associations, has decided to write the following declaration.

Today, SICOT is proud to have brought together 63 orthopaedic societies, representing more than 200,000 orthopaedic surgeons around the world, to fight for this fundamental human right, without regards to national, economic or philosophical segregation.

The list of societies who have co-signed this declaration is not exhaustive and any group or individual may always endorse the declaration and use it in its own country. Any voluntary support to move this action internationally and locally is welcome.

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Violence of any kind represents an unacceptable lack of elementary respect for the dignity and integrity of all members of the human race.

Amongst these aggressions, those directed against healthcare personnel, who expose themselves to assist those who are wounded and disabled, cannot be tolerated.

Besides the serious harm done to individuals, this violence will impair the general healthcare system and compromise medical assistance to the world's population.

On behalf of the undersigned regional and national orthopaedic associations, the International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology - SICOT urges international organizations and national authorities to take all the necessary measures to prevent and repress violence against healthcare workers and to protect them.

Prevention implies reporting each case of violence to establish an objective evaluation of the problem through national and international registries and sensitizing the civilian population.

Governmental authorities must introduce stronger penalties to fight this aggression.

Hospital administrations and local authorities must provide protection around medical practices, especially during the night duties, with minimum safety standards.

#### Reference

1. M. Hinsenkamp (2013) Violence against healthcare workers. International Orthopaedics 37:2321–2322

Jointly signed by:

Australian Orthopaedic Association - AOA	AUSTRALIA
Österreichische Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und orthopädische Chirurgie - ÖGO	AUSTRIA
Belgische Vereniging voor Orthopedie en Traumatologie - BVOT	BELGIUM
Société Royale Belge de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie - SORBCOT	BELGIUM
Sociedade Brasileira de Ortopedia e Traumatologia - SBOT	BRAZIL
Société Camerounaise de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie - SOCCOT	CAMEROON
Canadian Orthopaedic Association - COA-ACO	CANADA
Sociedad Chilena de Ortopedia y Traumatología - SCHOT	CHILE
Chinese Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons - CAOS	CHINA
Croatian Orthopaedic and Traumatology Association - COTA-HUOT	CROATIA
Sociedad Cubana de Ortopedia y Traumatologia - SCOT	CUBA
Danish Orthopaedic Society - DOS	DENMARK
Egyptian Orthopaedic Association - EOA	EGYPT
Estonian Orthopedic Association - ETOS	ESTONIA
Finnish Orthopaedic Association - FOA-SOY	FINLAND
Société Française de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie - SOFCOT	FRANCE
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Orthopädische Chirurgie - DGOOC	GERMANY
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie - DGOU	GERMANY
Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association - HKOA	HONG KONG
Hungarian Orthopaedic Association - HOA	HUNGARY
Indian Orthopaedic Association - IOA	INDIA
Indonesia Orthopaedic Association – IOA-PABOI	INDONESIA
Persian Orthopaedic Trauma Association - POTA	IRAN
Iraqi Orthopaedic Association	IRAQ
Societa Italiana di Ortopediae Traumatologie - SIOT	ITALIA
Japanese Orthopaedic Association - JOA	JAPAN
Libyan Orthopaedic Association - LOA	LIBYA
Lithuanian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology - LSOT - LOTD	LITHUANIA
Malaysian Orthopaedic Association - MOA	MALAYSIA
Société Marocaine de Chirurgie Orthopédique et Traumatologique - SMACOT	MOROCCO
Nederlandse Orthopaedische Vereniging - NOV	NETHERLANDS
Nepal Orthopaedic Association - NOA	NEPAL
Nigerian Orthopaedic Association - NOA	NIGERIA
Norwegian Association of Orthopaedic Surgery - NOA	NORWAY
Colegio Mexicano de Ortopedia y Traumatologia - CMO	MEXICO
Oman Orthopaedic Society - OOS	OMAN
Pakistan Orthopaedic Association - POA	PAKISTAN
Philippine Orthopaedic Association - POA	PHILIPPINES
Polish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology - PTOiTr	POLAND
Sociedade Portuguesa de Ortopedia e Traumatologia - SPOT	PORTUGAL
Romanian Orthopaedic and Traumatology Society - SOROT	ROMANIA
Serbian Orthopaedic and Traumatology Association -SOTA	SERBIA
Slovak Orthopaedic and Traumatologic Society - SOTS	SLOVAKIA
Slovenian Orthopaedic Society - ZOSZD	SLOVENIA
South African Orthopaedic Association - SAOA	SOUTH AFRICA
Sociedad Española de Cirugia Ortopedica y Traumatologia - SECOT	SPAIN

Swedish Orthopaedic Association - SOF	SWEDEN
Swiss Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology - SSOT	SWITZERLAND
Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand - RCOST	THAILAND
Société Tunisienne de Chirurgie Orthopédique et Traumatologique - SOTCOT	TUNISIA
Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology - TOTBID	TURKEY
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons - AAOS	UNITED STATES
AO Foundation	
Association of Study and Application of Methodology of Ilizarov - ASAMI	
European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology - EFORT	
European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery - ESTES	
Eurospine, the Spine Society of Europe	
Gulf Cooperation Council Orthopaedic Association - GCCOA	
Nordic Orthopaedic Federation – NOF	
Pan Arab Orthopaedic Association - PAOA	
Sociedad Latino Americana de Ortopedia y Traumatología - SLAOT-LASOT	
World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery - WSRM	
Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie - SICOT	