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Honorable Ilia Nakashidze,
Prof. Lobzhanidze,
Distinguished guests,

A warm thank you to our hosts here in Georgia for your warm hospitality in this wonderful city of Tbilisi.

My dear friends and colleagues,
It is an honour to address you here and to thank you once again for the opportunity to serve you, the World Medical Association and physicians throughout the world. I am sure that the WMA is an essential organization in the modern world and should be visible, active and presented in important forums.

The purpose of the WMA is to serve humanity by endeavoring to achieve the highest international standards in Medical Education, Medical Science, Medical Art and Medical Ethics, and Health Care for all people in the world.

Since having been inaugurated I have represented the WMA

During his tenure as president of the World Medical Association, Dr Yoshitake Yokokura considerably promoted UHC.

I also stressed the importance of physician leadership during the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism meeting on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in Geneva. I took the opportunity to visit the WMA headquarters and express my appreciation to all the WMA staff.

During the ceremony of the German Medical Profession Marking the Withdrawal of the Medical Licenses of Jewish German Doctors 80 years ago, I emphasized the physicians' moral responsibility

During my presidency year, I visited many physician meetings. You can see them in my report but here I would like to give some specific examples of such meetings.

At the British Medical Association Annual Representative Meeting in Belfast, among others, there were votes on the issue of assisted dying and the BMA's membership in the WMA.

influential across the globe. I am confident that the WMA will continue to be a beacon for doctors all over the world, to light the way in medical ethics and continue to serve as a voice of doctors, as well as, supporting NMA's and doctors in times of need.

I thank my predecessors and wish great success to the incoming president Dr. Miguel Jorge.

Thank You