

To
the Honorable
Mr. Rovertos Spyropoulos
Director, IKA Social Insurance Institute

Cc: Mr. E. Venizelos, Minister of Finance
Mr. Andreas Loverdos, Minister of Health & Social Solidarity
Mr. G. Koutroumanis, Minister of Employment & Social Insurance
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Mr. H. Plaskovitis, Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance

Halandri, July 25, 2011

Honorable Director,

We communicate with you once again to express the great concern of the pharmaceutical companies for the continuous accumulation of debts of IKA hospitals and pharmacies.

As shown in the detailed report, which we attach, and which concerns the period from 1.1.2010 until 30.6.2011, **the debts of IKA hospitals and pharmacies amount to 70% of the total sales of medicinal products!**

More precisely, during this period IKA hospitals and pharmacies purchased medicinal products worth €431 million, of which only 133 million have been paid. In other words their debts amount to about 300 million, i.e. representing approximately 70%.

The problem has become explosive during the current year as **the first semester of 2011, IKA hospitals and pharmacies have settled only 0.02% of total sales of medicinal products!** More precisely, they supplied medicinal products worth around €157 million, of which only €35.773 have been paid.

It is now obvious that in fact in 2011 IKA has declared an informal "cease of payments" to pharmaceutical companies.

Moreover, we remind you that there are still outstanding debts of approximately 10 million for invoices issued before 2010.

At the same time, the government proceeds with the integration of IKA hospitals in the NHS, which also faces problems of accumulated debts. This fact aggravates the uncertainty of pharmaceutical companies for regular settlement.

In this light, SFEE brings up once again its proposal for a consultation between IKA and the pharmaceutical companies for the offsetting of the debts of the institution with the social security contributions, which the companies are asked to deposit in favor of the institution every month.

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Furthermore, we urge you to personally intervene in order to take all the necessary measures and address the problem which sooner or later will lead to shortages of medicines.

Sincerely,

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