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**RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY
WITH THE UNITED PRESS ORGANIZATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE
AND HEALTHCARE (EDOEAP, Greece)**

The **International Association of Mutual Benefit Societies (AIM – Association Internationale de la Mutualité)** expresses its solidarity with the fair struggle of the **United Press Organization of Supplementary Insurance and Healthcare (EDOEAP)**, the Greek mutual health fund for all employees working in the Mass Media in Greece, the existence of which is in danger.

The non-profit, self-administered **EDOEAP** is a full member of the Federation of Greek Mutualities, **OATYE**, which has been a precious partner and member of AIM for over 20 years now. The **United Press Organization** is threatened with closure, if it fails to win the Greek Council of State' lawsuit in June 2019 filed by a part of Mass Media owners who are refusing to pay a formalized 2% levy on media undertakings' turnover. Prior to its legal ratification, this 2% levy had been agreed both by the major Mass Media companies and almost all political parties represented in the Greek Parliament. The relevant law passed by a majority of over 90% in the Greek Parliament.

The total revenue of EDOEAP - a model health insurance provider in Greece for decades, which does neither receive any public funds, nor burdens the Greek State Budget by any means-, comes **only from employees' contributions and this 2% levy by media companies.**

In view of the above, **AIM**, the organization-umbrella of 59 health insurance and mutual health insurance funds in 29 countries, covering 240 million citizens worldwide -200 million of which in Europe-, **is on the side of EDOEAP, urging for its protection and viability.**



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