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ANNOUNCEMENT

The attempted partnership between the company trading as 'GAIA', operating for Athens Medical Center business interests, and the hospital of the non-profit foundation 'Errikos Dunant' can by no means become legitimate by means of press conferences and other communication techniques.

Every hospital unit operation presupposes abiding by laws and in this case it is clear that such condition is not satisfied.

Our company has fully and thoroughly informed the previous political leadership and the Health Ministry services about the blatant infringement of laws governing license granting, clinics operation and fair competition rules.

Besides, for the same reason, HYGEIA Group has taken recourse to the State Council and the new leadership of Health Ministry in order to suspend and recall the Operation License granted to Errikos Dunant Hospital on the eve of national elections, despite strong reactions raised even by Ministry services.

We hope that the present Ministry political leadership will not be carried away by communication ploys and shall examine the issue in its essence ensuring respect for law and fair competition, being the framework wherein our Group has been operating for more than thirty years.