



EUROPEAN MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colleagues,

On this Day of International Midwives (IDM), 5th May 2014, as the President of European Midwives Association, I would like to send a message of support and regards to all French Midwives, on behalf of your European colleagues and friends. EMA is well aware of your recent struggles and courageous efforts in getting your voice heard by the Ministry of Health and policy makers.

I have raised the dilemma of French Midwives within European fora, as EMA strongly believes that your current situation is untenable in view of the recent changes within the Professional Qualifications Directive.

I am sure the demands and stresses of six months striking and lobbying has been difficult to all. I can but encourage you to continue the action with your well founded demands, as in the end it is not only for the benefit of all midwives and our professional role but for the women and their families you care for.

Remember it is not just on this special day that midwives of Europe are with you, but together we will always have a strong and powerful voice.

Kind regards,

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