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To president and the councils of All Medical Professional Organizations,

Dear Sir/Madam,

**All Sri Lankan professionals to rally against ETCA**  
**“If No National Policy; No ETCA”**

The Government has announced that the signing of the Framework Agreement of Economic and Technology Cooperative Agreement (ETCA) will take place, within this month. Even though ETCA currently contains only limited services, the Framework of it contains a much broader clause on liberalization of Trade in Services.

We learnt that some colleges have circulated our previous letters and documents which we shared with you previously (which are available on the GMOA website). But to our knowledge some Colleges haven't yet identified the real risk that Professionals of Sri Lanka could face in the future.

(Link: <http://www.gmoa.lk/index.php/2016/01/second-letter-to-presidents-and-councils-of-all-medical-professional-organizations/>)

The United Professional Movement which consist of more than 40 professional groups include that of GMOA, has organized a protest campaign against ECTA. UPM insists that the government develop a national policy for international trade agreements prior to signing of ECTA framework agreement and to delay signing of the above until we place our house in order. The protest rally will be commenced at **2.00P.M.** on the **11<sup>th</sup> of February 2016** in front of **Viharamahadevi Park** and will be followed by a gathering of members of all Professional associations at the open air theatre of Viharamahadevi Park.

We as the GMOA would highly appreciate the participation of your members under your banner, for this important occasion.

It would be a great advantage if your college could make a statement to the media with a description of your standpoint about ETCA. Other Professional Organizations and Associations within the UPM have already issued their press releases and statements regarding their stance on this issue.

We regret the inconvenience made due to the short notice. You may realize the gravity of the situation and the reality which caused UPM to organize this rally within one week.

We would like to thank you for being with us and assisting us in similar kinds of crucial situations in the past and we look forward to your valuable contribution for this national issue as well.

Thank you!

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya  
President

Dr. Nalinda Herath  
Secretary