

**THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION
on
THE ABUSE OF PSYCHIATRY**

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1. The World Medical Association (WMA) notes with concern evidence from a number of countries that political dissidents and social activists have been detained in psychiatric institutions, and subjected to unnecessary psychiatric treatment as a punishment.
2. The WMA:
 - 2.1 declares that such detention and treatment is abusive and unacceptable;
 - 2.2 calls on physicians and psychiatrists to resist involvement in these abusive practices;
 - 2.3 calls on member NMA's to support their physician members who resist
 - 2.3 calls on member NMA's to support their physician members who resist involvement in these abuses; and
 - 2.4 calls on governments to stop abusing medicine and psychiatry in this manner, and on non-governmental organizations and the World Health Organization to support this initiative.

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