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Support of the DGPPN Statement on the crash of flight 4U9525

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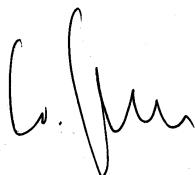
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Dear Colleague,

On 24 March the co-pilot of flight 4U9525 presumably deliberately crashed a Germanwings Airbus A320-211 with 150 passengers in the French Alps. The subsequent public discussion quickly focused on the role of the co-pilot's mental illness in this tragedy. We are writing to you to bring attention to a statement that the German Association on Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN) recently published on the crash of the aircraft. The European Psychiatric Association (EPA) fully supports this statement and its dissemination to counteract increasing stigma of people with mental diseases.

We appreciate it very much if you as the president of your national psychiatric association will disseminate this document amongst your members and by this support the statement.

Sincerely,



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