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Healthcare in Danger, Experience from Member Countries

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The Australian Medical Association has a strong voice in the Australian community which is used to consistently draw the attention of the medical profession, government and the wider community to the serious and often life-threatening situations faced by medical personnel working in overseas conflict zones.

The AMA has a strong policy framework based on relevant World Medical Association declarations and regulations. We advocate directly to the Australian Government, and international governments, on situations where medical personnel have been prevented from undertaking their ethical obligations to treat the sick, wounded and dying impartially, without prejudice or discrimination; where access to medical facilities has been deliberately disrupted; and where medical facilities have been targeted.