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## PRESS RELEASE

## HYGEIA:AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 25.83% OF "MITERA"

The Management of "HYGEIA" announces that agreements have been signed for the acquisition of shares, based on which the Company will acquire a total of 25.83% of "MITERA's" shares for a total price of circa EUR 66 million. Such agreements took place following a recommendation by the BoD of MITERA in the context of the strategic alliance that had been announced on March 24th. HYGEIA's intention is to implement the strategic alliance, as such had been announced, and to maintain MITERA's character as a "doctor's hospital".

HYGEIA's ambition is to provide a broad range of high quality health services with the creation of a large and robust group in the private health sector, under complete consensus and the full endorsement and collectiveness of doctors from all companies that wish to join.