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Interaction between EMA and Healthcare Professionals: Framework and Criteria

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Background note

Since the establishment of EMA the Agency has interacted with healthcare professionals. Although healthcare professionals are an integral part of the Agency's work there are gaps in terms of interaction with healthcare professionals' organisations. In addition, the need for a more structured framework for interaction has been identified.

Matters for consideration

The objectives of the framework for interaction include:

- Supporting EMA in order to access the best possible independent expertise in any matter related to medicines for human use.
- Contributing to a more efficient and targeted communication to healthcare professionals.
- Enhancing healthcare professionals' organisations' understanding of the role of the EMA and the EU Regulatory Network.

The framework foresees the transformation of the current CHMP Working Group with healthcare professionals into an EMA Working Party with links to all scientific Committees dealing with medicines for human use.

The framework is accompanied by criteria to be fulfilled by healthcare professionals' organisations in order to be involved in EMA activities. This will ensure that EMA establishes contact with the most suitable organisations representing European healthcare professionals in a transparent manner.

