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PRESS RELEASE

Eleventh Meeting of the Management Board

The Management Board of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products met on 25 September 1996 under the chairmanship of Mr Strachan Heppell and examined the following main issues :

- Σ The Board adopted a Supplementary and Amended Budget for 1996 further to the release by the European Parliament of a reserve. The amended total budget for 1996 is ECU 22 550 000. On a proposal from the Executive Director, the Management Board accepted to earmark ECU 750 000 for continuation of the orphan drug fund, which is also intended to cover the costs of meetings relating to maximum residue limits for old substances in veterinary medicines.
- Σ Following long reflection on the part of Management Board members, a standard contract to be concluded between national competent authorities and the EMEA for evaluation activities was agreed to in principle and will be presented for final adoption at the Board's meeting in December. The contract forms Annex II to the Statement of principles governing the partnership between national competent authorities and the EMEA.
- Σ As part of the EMEA contribution to the future Commission proposal for a new Regulation on fees payable to the EMEA, the Management Board examined the available information from the on-going survey on the costs of national competent authorities and the EMEA for evaluation activities in the centralised procedure. The Board went on to consider what changes might be recommended to the existing fee structure in light of experience so far. The Executive Director will present a full report for endorsement at the December meeting.
- Σ The Board considered the conclusions of the final meeting of its working group on the contribution of the EMEA to public and animal health. A paper bringing together the elements discussed, such as pharmacovigilance, orphan drugs and the definition of innovative medicines, will be presented to the Board at its meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Management Board will be held on 4 December 1996.

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