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Ninth Meeting of the Management Board

The Management Board of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products met on 6 March 1996 under the chairmanship of Mr Strachan Heppell. The meeting examined the following main issues:

- Σ The Board adopted the first General Report on the Activities of the EMEA. The document will now be forwarded to the Member States, Commission and European Parliament. The Report details the beginnings of the Agency in 1994 and describes the work of the EMEA in its first year of operation.
- Σ The Board noted the success of the Scientific Committees of the EMEA. The CPMP which has now given thirteen positive opinions for human medicines. The CVMP has now given one positive opinion for a veterinary medicinal product and determined maximum residue limits for 197 substances.
- Σ The Board adopted a preliminary draft budget for 1997 of ECU 34 700 000. The Management Board asks the European budgetary authorities for a subsidy of ECU 17 500 000. Service fees from industry are estimated at ECU 17 000 000 in 1997. Additional miscellaneous revenue of ECU 200 000 is expected.
- Σ The Board also adopted a provisional Work Programme for the Agency for 1996-1997. The Board decided to keep the Work Programme under regular review.
- Σ Following consultation with the EU Court of Auditors and the European Commission, the Board adopted the definitive text of the Financial Regulation of the Agency. The Regulation sets out the procedures to be followed by the Agency in all financial matters.
- Σ The Management Board noted a progress report from the Working Group on the EMEA contribution to Public Health which met on 5 March 1995. The Group will consult informally on the definition of innovative medicines before putting final recommendations to the Management Board. The Working Group will meet again in September to review progress.
- Σ The tenth meeting of the Management Board will be held on 2 July 1996. Dates for plenary meetings of the Board for the rest of the year were confirmed as 25 September and 4 December 1996. The Board also agreed provisional dates for 1997: 5 February, 4 June, 1 October and 3 December.

Further information is available at the EMEA Internet site: <http://www.eudra.org/emea.html>.