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Seventh Meeting of the Management Board

The Management Board of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products met on 20 September 1995 under the chairmanship of Mr Strachan Heppell and examined the following main issues :

- The Board approved an amended budget for 1995 which will be ECU 14.4 million including the reserve of ECU 750.000 which the European Parliament will be asked to release later this year.
- A progress report on the Agency's activities, revenue and costs in 1995 and 1996 was considered by the Management Board. As far as current activities are concerned, 22 new centralised applications have been confirmed in the human sector in 1995, two thirds of which on a voluntary basis (List B). In the veterinary sector, 3 new applications and 15 new Maximum Residue Limits are announced for 1995. The EMEA has so far not been involved in any arbitration procedure concerning decentralised applications.
- The scale of fees to be paid by the EMEA to national competent authorities for evaluation work for 1995 was extended to 1996, subject to confirmation by written procedure. For substantial evaluation activities such as centralised rapporteurship, type II variations or inspections, the repayment represents half of the fee paid to the EMEA.
- The Management Board reached a consensus on the relationship between the EMEA and national competent authorities, in the form of a general statement of principles to be complemented later by standard contracts between the Agency and the national competent authority of the rapporteur.
- The Management Board noted a progress report from its two newly established working groups which met on 19 September on
 - Performance indicators to be applied to national registration authorities and to the EMEA in relation to the centralised and decentralised procedures as well as pharmacovigilance issues
 - The contribution of the EMEA to public health
- The eighth meeting of the Board will be held in London on 5 and 6 December 1995 and will review the discussions of its working groups.