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## PRESS RELEASE

### Thirteenth Meeting of the Management Board

The Management Board of the EMEA met on 5 February 1997 at the start of a second three year term. The renewed membership of the Board is given in annex. The Board re-elected Mr Strachan Heppell (UK) as Chairman and Dr Romano Marabelli (Italy) as Vice-Chairman.

- *Work programme 1997-1998*

The Management Board adopted the EMEA Work Programme for 1997-1998. The Agency's programme is guided by a number of objectives and action priorities, which are set out in the programme together with specific activities of the Units and Sectors.

This document is available on the Internet or by written request (EMEA/MB/002/97).

- *Budgetary matters*

The Board adopted the preliminary draft budget for 1998, totalling ECU 33 900 000. An EU subsidy of ECU 14 million (same level as in 1997) will be requested from the EU budgetary authorities. Fee revenue is expected to reach ECU 19.6 million, exceeding the level of subsidy for the first time.

A transfer of appropriations of ECU 1 620 000 from the 1996 to 1997 budget was approved by the Board. This transfer allows the Orphan Drug Fund to be increased to a total of ECU 800 000 and also reinforces investment in information technology amounting to ECU 1.1 million.

Following the opinion of the EU Court of Auditors, the Board also adopted a decision granting discharge to the Executive Director for implementation of the 1994 and 1995 budgets.

- *Reform of fees payable to the EMEA*

The Board finalised its position on the reform of fees payable by industry to the EMEA. A report will shortly be forwarded to the European Commission as a contribution to the preparation of a proposal for a new Council Regulation on fees.

- *Improving transparency*

The Board also reviewed the existing consultation mechanisms that have been established with EMEA social partners (European consumers and patient groups, health professions, industry, etc.). The Executive Director will consult with those partners on their current relations with the EMEA and possible further measures to increase transparency of the Agency's operations.

- *Confirmed future meeting dates of the Board*

1997 : 4 June, 1 October and 3 December

1998 : 19 February, 3 June, 30 September and 2 December

This press release, together with other information about the work of the EMEA, may be found on the Internet at the following location: <http://www.eudra.org/emea.html>

## The Management Board of the EMEA

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Strachan HEPPEL

### **Vice-Chairman**

Romano MARABELLI

### **European Commission**

Stefano MICOSSI

Fernando MANSITO CABALLERO

*Alternate*

Guy CRAUSER

### **European Parliament**

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Dietrich HENSCHLER

*Alternates*

Dame Rosalinde HURLEY

Jean-Pierre REYNIER

### **Belgium**

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Michel CHOJNOWSKI

*Alternates*

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