



Health Action International (HAI) is an independent, global network, working to increase access to essential medicines and improve their rational use through research excellence and evidence-based advocacy.

## Statement

### **HAI Europe is granted full membership by the European Medicines Agency**

23 March 2010 – Health Action International (HAI) Europe has been closely monitoring the European Medicines Agency's policies and developments for several years. The HAI network has frequently contributed to EMA consultations, played a role in reviewing medicines information for the public, and championed the interests of European citizens and public health in medicines policy.

In recognition of our staunch commitment to, and expertise in, European medicines policy, EMA has granted HAI Europe full membership of the Patients' and Consumers' Working Party.

HAI Europe hopes to bring a unique perspective among stakeholders, focusing specifically on policies that affect medicines. HAI Europe researches and monitors policies and decision-making to ensure that they respect wider public health and societal interests.

By representing the overarching citizen perspective, rather than a disease-specific patient group or health profession, we hope to contribute to just and equitable European medicines policy for all. To preserve our independence, we operate as a commercially 'interest-free' civil society organisation, declining all funding from commercial sources.

We will continue to press for more citizen-focused medicines policies, and we thank EMA for granting HAI Europe full membership of the Patients' and Consumers' Working Party, which will enable us to deliver our message more directly and with greater impact.

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