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## UEMO WORKING GROUP ON PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES

### MINUTES OF W.G of PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES Florence 25<sup>th</sup> May 2000

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1. The meeting was opened.
2. The working group members were recorded and e-mail addresses were collected. The order of the agenda was changed, because Christina Fabian wanted to participate in certain items. A German health survey was put on the agenda as an additional item.
3. The chairman had delivered the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.
4. It was noted that things had not gone well with the questionnaire. Only a few answers had been received. It is possible that not all the relevant people have actually received the questionnaire.
5. The chairman had done a summary on the welfare of children, which failed to reach any of the group members. The subject was discussed in general. It was noted that day care centres and schools have already done a lot for the welfare of children. However, there are problems in several countries and the GP has an important role in detecting the problems. Clear research findings were needed to show what different countries have achieved. It was pointed out that we are not social workers and we must always act as doctors. However, we must remember that we have a crucial role in detecting possible problems and initiating support procedures. It was noted that we need information from different countries and maybe also ideas on finding the appropriate approach to start a project on the subject. The subject was perceived to be quite close to the subject of the Deprived Areas working group and Billy Buss invited the chairman to join the group to avoid overlapping and take advantage of all resources.

6. Christina Fabian had approached the chairman and suggested co-operation with the Assemble of Europea Region - an organisation that has members from nearly all European countries. The organisation supports and activates different kinds of projects. It was agreed that possible co-operation partners would be charted and Dr Fabian will carry on looking into the matter and finding possible ways for co-operation.
7. Again, a short discussion on the Ludwig Boltzman Institute project took place. It was thought that it might be better to participate in the project than to be against it, after all. The discussion was more thorough than before. However, the current situation is that medical federations in different countries have already made a decision on the matter and only Finland and Sweden have decided against it. We will keep an eye on any developments.
8. Because of the lack of time, the German health study discussion was postponed to the next meeting.
9. The chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman