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## **Presentation of the Working Group on Preventive Activities Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2000 in Zurich**

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1. The result of the questionnaire on Preventive activities were presented. 7 countries had answered the questionnaire.
2. Prevention in GP was discussed following the Public Health Program for the next 5 years as presented by the EU. A proposal from the German delegation on health check-ups was introduced and discussed. A common form on preventive activities would make it easier to compare the status of health in the European countries which would in turn help the health care planners and health authorities in the countries concerned to make decisions accordingly. A draft on what the routine health checks could contain was circulated and is attached to this report. In Germany there are special incentives for these activities but that is not the case in all countries.
3. Various opinions coming up seemed to depend much on the situation of primary care in the countries concerned. In those where there is a shortage of GPs there were worries about manpower and resources for implementing systematic and very thorough health checks.
4. The group discussed the situation of preventive activities in their countries and since there are great differences between them we decided to make a statement that all parties could agree on irrespective of the difference of health care systems.

The statement should emphasize these four main issues:

1. Preventive activities should be the responsibility of GPs
2. Preventive activities should be Evidence Based
3. Preventive activities need sufficient funding
4. Preventive activities should be documented and evaluated.