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Minutes of the UEMO Working Group on Prescribing Drugs in General Practice Crowne Plaza, Malta 15th June 2001

Chairman: Dr Terry John (UK)
Rapporteur: Dr Heinz Jarmatz (Germany)

1. The report of the last meeting (UEMO 00/175) was approved. The Chairman drew the attention of the group to the document UEMO 01/028 which set out the aims of the working group, and the timetable for achieving those aims.
2. The group discussed document UEMO 01/033, the draft policy statement on prescribing drugs in general practice which had been circulated in May 2001. The Chairman informed the working group that he had received several responses, including two which had suggested amendments. These proposed changes were discussed in detail.
3. The Swedish delegation had suggested that changes be made to the first set of recommendations, to take account of the fact that general practitioners are not the only prescribers. The Austrian delegation had proposed that the statement be more strongly worded against the increasing role of pharmacists in providing primary care to patients. Other suggestions were made as to the role of nurse prescribers, the pharmaceutical industry and the internet.

Following a lively debate, the draft statement was revised (UEMO 01/033 Rev 1) and the group agreed that it should be circulated to all delegations for the final consultation stage. Delegations may also wish to suggest additional points which should be included. The Chairman asked for all written comments to be submitted by early September 2001, to enable the final statement to be put to the plenum at the October meeting in Venice.

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