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Dear Mr. Eoin O'Shae,

Health Action International Europe has been following the transparency and accountability issues at the European Medicines Agency closely. We echo the concerns raised by the European Parliament about the European Medicines Agency's handling of potential conflicts of interest of its experts and staff. Recognising that conflicts of interest could jeopardize the independence of the Agency's decisions and its processes, we welcome the initiative to examine the practices of the European Medicines Agency. Please find enclosed several documents for your perusal:

- 31 Aug 2011 HAI Europe and Medicines in Europe Forum response to EMA Consultation on *Commercially Confidential Information and Protection of Privacy*
- 01 July 2011 HAI Europe response to EMA Consultation on *Ethical and GCP aspects of clinical trials in third countries*
- 20 June 2011 HAI Europe, International Society of Drug Bulletins, FormIndep and ALTER-EU letter to DG SANCO Commissioner Dalli *Conflicts of Interest at the European Medicines Agency and the need for a review of staff regulations*
- 13 May 2011 HAI Europe response to the European Commission's consultation on the Concept Paper on the Clinical Trials Directive
- 10 May 2011 HAI Europe, Medicines in Europe Forum and ISDB press release *Parliament's stand against conflicts of interest: Is it enough to ensure medicines safety?*
- 9 May 2011 HAI Europe and Corporate Europe Observatory letter to MEPs *Support for Audit of European Medicines Agency by the European Court of Auditors*
- 12 April 2011 HAI Europe response to EMA consultation regarding the core hormone replacement therapy package leaflet
- 24 Feb 2011 HAI Europe, EPHA, BEUC, ALTER-EU and International Society of Drug Bulletins Letter to DG SANCO Commissioner Dalli *Conflict of Interest for former EMA Executive Director*
- 18 Oct 2010 HAI Europe Statement *EMA Talks the 'Conflict of Interest Talk', but will it Walk the Walk?*
- 11 August 2010 HAI Europe factsheet *Patient & consumer organizations at the EMA: Financial disclosure and transparency*

- 11 August 2010 HAI Europe research report *Patient & consumer organizations at the EMA: Financial disclosure and transparency*
- 14 June 2010 HAI Europe statement to EMA Patients' & Consumers' Working Party *Declaration of interests*
- 24 Sept 2009 HAI Europe, Medicines in Europe Forum and ISDB response to EMEA Consultation *EMEA transparency policy falls short: a weak and irresponsible project*
- 28 May 2009 HAI Europe response to EMEA Consultation on the Expression of Strength of Medicines
- 02 Mar 2009 HAI Europe response to EMEA Consultation on Eudravigilance Access Policy
- 27 Feb 2009 HAI Europe response to EMEA Consultation on Access to Documents

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information. We look forward to reading your findings.

With kind regards,



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