Statement of the Industry Partners in PACT[1]

At the occasion of the meeting on 29 June 2016
of the MEP Interest Group on Access to Healthcare - Better Access, Better Outcomes -
Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility

PACT Industry Partners would like to contribute to **identifying policy responses at EU level** that improve patients' access to healthcare and close the current gap in health inequalities reflecting on current EU-level debates.

PACT Industry Partners wish to make **three recommendations** to the rapporteur of the European Parliament's upcoming own-initiative report on "EU options for improving access to medicines":

1. We recommend **embracing the health technology sector as a whole**: Discussions on access to healthcare implies both innovation and access to medicines as well as innovation and access to medical technology and the off-patent sector (reference to Dutch conclusions). We see the need to work on solutions throughout our sectors, such as horizon scanning and access to medicines and medical technologies with an aim of delivering sustainable healthcare and promoting health outcomes. We have a shared sense of urgency for leveraging the contribution of the represented sectors. This will help in ensuring access to medicines and medical technologies as well as the future funding models that will accelerate access.

2. In line with the recently adopted Council Conclusions by the Dutch Presidency we wish to emphasize '**the importance of a continuing open and constructive multi-stakeholder dialogue'** when discussing about access to healthcare. Given the current challenges we cannot afford to have fragmented visions as stakeholders. Instead, we need to look for joint solutions that include patients, payers, and other stakeholders. Similarly, PACT stakeholders would welcome continuity and implementing measures with past initiatives that provided the building blocks of collaboration, such as the Bulgaria Conference, the 2013 Vilnius Conference, and the 2015 Riga Roadmap.

3. We recommend that the **ENVI own initiative report on access really tries to bridge the discussions at EU and national level**. Healthcare systems are shaped at national level and differ significantly with. each Member State having its own distinct, highly-developed system that reflects its own domestic context and priorities. This in order to support a shift from cost-focus to health outcome-focus to prevent disease and avoidable health deterioration whilst tackling healthcare inefficiencies and addressing health inequalities as stated in the Riga Roadmap, Investing in Health and Wellbeing for All'. The

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[1] *The Patient Access Partnership is a patient-led multi-stakeholder network bringing together patients, the medical and public health community, industry and the European and member states policy makers and institutions, in order to develop and move forward on innovative solutions to reduce inequities in access to quality healthcare in the European Union. More at http://www.eupatientaccess.eu*

ultimate tool for lowering healthcare expenditure depends on joint effort, action and understanding: moving from a transactions-oriented to an outcome-oriented approach.

In conclusion, we need systems that focus on improving patients' health in a holistic and evidence-based way and that systematically redirect resources towards interventions that deliver the best outcomes. Government budget predictability and sustainability is essential. This demands a balanced use of all advantages that the healthcare sector can offer, innovative medicines, generic and biosimilar medicines and medical technologies. All of these can contribute to addressing the healthcare demands of the future. In the long term this should make healthcare more affordable and sustainable environment.

About the PACT Industry Partners:

COCIR

COCIR is the European Trade Association representing the medical imaging, radiotherapy, health ICT and electromedical industries. Founded in 1959, COCIR is a non-profit association headquartered in Brussels (Belgium) with a China Desk based in Beijing since 2007. COCIR is unique as it brings together the healthcare, IT and telecommunications industries. Our focus is to open markets for COCIR members in Europe and beyond. We provide a wide range of services on regulatory, technical, market intelligence, environmental, standardisation, international and legal affairs. COCIR is also a founding member of DITTA, the Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association (www.globalditta.org).More at www.cocir.org

EFPIA

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Medicines for Europe

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MedTech Europe

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