

AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE

- ▶ Raising awareness of the parliamentarians on the issue of counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes and their negative impact on public health
- ▶ Introducing the scope and goals of the MEDICRIME Convention to the parliamentarians and other stakeholders
- ▶ Raising awareness of parliamentarians about the importance of ratifying the MEDICRIME Convention, based on an open debate between all stakeholders, including international organisations and NGOs
- ▶ Exchanging good practices to stimulate legislative and political actions to ratify the MEDICRIME Convention

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PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION

Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health



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Tuesday, 24 November 2015
OECD Conference Centre



PROGRAMME

- 9.00 am **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 9.30 am **Opening of the meeting by:**
- ▶ **Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi**, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
 - ▶ **Mr Jan Kleijssen**, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, DGI
 - ▶ **Mr François-Xavier LERY**, Head of Section for Pharmaceutical Care, Consumer Health Protection and Anti-Counterfeiting, EDQM
- 9.45 am **Presentation of the Handbook for parliamentarians**
- Ms Ilise L. Feitshans**, Executive Director of the Work Health and Survival Project, Switzerland and USA
- 10.00 am **Victims' testimony**
- Ms Christiane Etévé-Mousset** and **Ms Catherine Petit**, Association for the defence of women with P.I.P. prosthesis, France
- 10.15 am **Health damage caused by counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes in Europe**
- Mr Bastiaan Venhuis**, Senior scientific officer, National Institute for Public Health and Environment (RIVM), Netherlands
- 10.30 am **Discussion**
- 11.00 am *Coffee break*
- 11.30 am **Counterfeit medical products: an ever-growing phenomenon in transnational organised crime**
- Mr Carlos María Romeo Casabona**, Professor in Criminal Law, Director of the Inter-University Chair in Law and the Human Genome, University of Deusto and University of the Basque Country, Spain
- 11.45 am **The added value of the MEDICRIME Convention for public health**
- M. Bernard Marquet**, former member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), PACE rapporteur on "Quality of Medicines in Europe", Monaco
- 12.00 pm **Discussion**
- 12.30 pm *Family Photo*
- 12.45 pm *Lunch*
- 2.30 pm **Examples of good practices in fighting the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes**
- Mr Domenico Di Giorgio**, Director of the Office for Product Quality and Counterfeiting, Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA), Italy
- 2.45 pm **International co-operation in counterfeiting cases**
- Ms María Poza Cisneros**, Senior Judge, Deputy to the National Member for Spain, EUROJUST
- 3.00 pm **Discussion**
- 3.30 pm *Coffee break*
- 3.50 pm **How to overcome obstacles in the ratification process**
- ▶ **Mr Sidiki Cissé**, Vice-President of the Health Committee of the National Assembly of Guinea
 - ▶ **Ms Claude Chirac**, Vice-President of the Chirac Foundation, France
- 4.10 pm **Discussion**
- 4.45 pm **Conclusions**
- Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi**, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- 5.00 pm **End of the meeting**