

Application from the Global Medical Technology Alliance for admission into official relations with WHO

1. **Year of establishment of the organization:** 1998

2.(a) **Address of the headquarters of the organization.**

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3. **Aims (or purposes, objectives) of the organization as they appear in its constitution, by-laws or equivalent document.** The mission of the Global Medical Technology Alliance is to support the provision of safe, effective and innovative medical technology that saves and enhances the quality of lives, benefiting individuals and society. The Alliance provides a forum in which its members exchange information and jointly develop and advocate policies that encourage innovation in medical technology to address patients' health care needs. It seeks to reflect the medical technology industry's views on a global basis and engage with policy-makers at a global level. Within the

framework of its mission and unless its Board decides otherwise, the objectives and scope of the Alliance's work include:

- (a) Developing, promoting and disseminating information about medical technology policies and issues globally;
- (b) Coordinating common policy positions for effective global representation of the medical technology industry, in general and before relevant international organizations;
- (c) Encouraging an international policy environment within the relevant international organizations that supports the development of the medical technology industry, including harmonized regulatory systems, appropriate payment levels, efficient systems to determine coverage, patient access to medical technologies, and strong legislation on intellectual property rights to support technology research and development and promote equitable access to medical devices;
- (d) Establishing, promoting and supporting principles of ethical conduct and practices in the development, marketing and distribution of medical technology products; and
- (e) Liaising with the International Medical Device Regulators Forum.

4. Main fields of work of the organization. Pharmaceuticals/health technology, medical technology, and lifestyle.

5. Main types of activities of the organization.¹ Advisory, advocacy and education/training.

The organization has activities in the following countries: Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Yemen.

6. Membership information.

Type of member	Total number	Voting status
Business associations	21	21

Members in the following countries and areas: Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Yemen.

Regional offices/representatives in the following countries: Switzerland, Turkey.

¹ For an explanation of the types of activities, please see the Annex to the application.

7. Name, composition, function and frequency of meetings of the main, or if applicable, the two main decision-making bodies.

- Name: General Assembly of Full Members
- Composition: Founding members and any other formally constituted legal entities, or other organizations or partnerships with legal capacity that have full membership rights and obligations, in particular:
- (a) National medical technology associations, which are formally constituted organizations comprised of companies that manufacture or supply medical technologies;
 - (b) Regional medical technology associations, which are formally constituted organizations comprised of national associations and/or companies that manufacture or supply medical technologies; and
 - (c) Formally constituted organizations comprised of national associations and/or companies from the same country or region that are active in a specialized sector of the medical technology industry (such as medical devices, imaging, or diagnostics).
- Function: The General Assembly of Full Members is responsible for:
- (a) Electing the Alliance's Board members for a term of two years and dismissing Board members;
 - (b) Approving and rejecting applications for membership;
 - (c) Setting the contributions of the Alliance members upon recommendation of its Board;
 - (d) Approving its Board's annual report, financial statement and budget;
 - (e) Deciding on nonrecurring investments exceeding CHF 1000, the purchase and sale of real estate and the taking up of loans;
 - (f) If applicable, appointing, discharging and revoking the appointment of an auditor and determining his or her remuneration;
 - (g) If applicable, appointing and revoking the appointment of an external accountant and determining his or her remuneration;
 - (h) Terminating the membership of any member of the Alliance;
 - (i) Amending the Articles of Association; and
 - (j) Dissolving the Alliance or merging it with another entity.
- Frequency of meetings: At least one, and usually two, meetings in person annually. Other meetings may be arranged by teleconference.
- Name: Board of the Global Medical Technology Alliance
- Composition: The Board of the Alliance consists of between six and twelve Board members that the General Assembly elects for a term of two years. Any Board member may be re-elected.

- Function: The Board of the Alliance is responsible for:
- (a) Organizing itself, in particular appointing its Chair or Co-Chairs, its Vice-Chair and its Executive Director, if any;
 - (b) Convening and chairing General Assemblies and working sessions, and implementing the decisions of these meetings;
 - (c) Recommending the financial contributions of Alliance members to the General Assembly;
 - (d) Approving the Chair or Co-Chairs' decision to authorize representatives to make legal decisions on behalf of the Alliance and dispense its funds;
 - (e) Publishing the Alliance's official documents;
 - (f) Establishing and delegating tasks to one or more committees and overseeing the activities of those committees;
 - (g) Establishing, and appointing the members of, any other body as the Board of the Alliance deems appropriate;
 - (h) Adopting and modifying such rules and by-laws as it may deem necessary or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Alliance;
 - (i) Monitoring the budget and carrying out appropriate accounting; and
 - (j) Determining any other business not expressly falling within the competence of another body of the Alliance.

Frequency of meetings: At least twice a year.

8. Human resources of the organization.

Number of paid staff at headquarters/secretariat:	1
Number of volunteer staff at headquarters/secretariat:	0
Number of paid staff worldwide (including staff at headquarters/secretariat):	1
Number of volunteers worldwide (including staff at headquarters/secretariat)	0

9. Financial information on the organization.¹

Annual income and expenditure in the range: US\$ 50 000 to US\$ 100 000

10. Formal relations with organizations and bodies in the United Nations system and nongovernmental organizations.

Not applicable.

¹ In order to facilitate comparison, nongovernmental organizations are requested to express their annual income and expenditure in United States dollar equivalents, and to provide estimates of these annual figures in cases where their accounts cover different periods.

11. Collaboration with WHO.**(a) Activities carried out jointly with WHO during the working relations period.**

The Alliance and its individual member associations have long welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with WHO to advance the Organization's objectives, including achieving equitable access to safe and effective medical technologies of high quality to those who may benefit from them. The Alliance has participated in meetings and workshops organized by WHO, organized side events during the Health Assembly, and provided factual information to WHO upon request. The Alliance's activities with WHO have been in the following areas: injection safety, the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, medical device nomenclature, priority medical devices, essential health technologies, the Global Forum on Medical Devices, medical technology for ageing populations, noncommunicable diseases, diagnostics, and innovative technologies for low-resource settings.

(b) Planned collaborative activities with WHO for the coming three-year period.

The Alliance proposes to collaborate with WHO to:

- (i) Promote access to quality, safe and efficacious health technologies, and support the work of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum task force, using the principles developed over many years by the Global Harmonization Task Force;
- (ii) Encourage ethical codes of conduct in promotion and procurement for the providers and manufacturers of medical devices, in order to reduce corruption and enhance procurement practices to improve patients' access to affordable medical technologies;
- (iii) Promote good tendering practices and increase the quality and affordability of health technologies in tendering processes by reviewing draft technical specifications of medical devices prepared by WHO, helping to ensure that the specifications do not favour any one provider;
- (iv) Encourage technology transfer for the development of medical technologies for low-resource settings;
- (v) Improve the quality of data related to the use of medical devices by encouraging Alliance members to participate in WHO surveys on technical information on medical devices available on the market that target specific priority diseases;
- (vi) Participate in WHO consultations on subjects that call for industry involvement, such as pandemic influenza preparedness, pre-qualification, antimicrobial resistance, and radiology; and
- (vii) Promote the safe use of medical devices through compiling and distributing materials and training on the safe use and proper disposal of medical devices for health care professionals, through the Alliance member associations.

ANNEX

EXPLANATION OF TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

Advisory – the organization regularly advises governments, nongovernmental organizations and institutions, intergovernmental bodies, or the media on matters within its competence.

Advocacy – the organization regularly undertakes campaigns, or its main purpose is, to influence decision- or policy-makers, or individual or societal behaviours or attitudes.

Conferences – the organization regularly holds scientific conferences, or other forums, excluding governing body meetings.

Data collection/surveillance – the organization, for example, maintains a register of specific diseases, up-to-date data about the number of people in a particular profession, etc.

Education/training – the organization, or its members, regularly provides educational or training courses for individuals or organizations (governmental and nongovernmental), is an examining or licensing body, or develops curricula.

Funding/donations – the organization funds the work of others and/or donates goods to others, for example, hospital equipment and pharmaceuticals.

Journals/publications/media – the organization regularly publishes a peer-reviewed professional or scientific journal and/or regularly produces and revises books and other media, e.g. CDs and videos, and maintains a publications/resources catalogue.

Research – the organization undertakes commissions or funds research as a regular activity.

Service delivery – the organization provides, commissions or is contracted on a long-term basis to provide services to non-members, for example, child counselling/protection, hospital care, suicide prevention services and delivery of food aid.

Sponsoring – the organization maintains a sponsorship programme, for example, for children, the elderly or young scientists.

Standard-setting – the organization formulates standards, ranging from professional conduct to goods and services.

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