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EUROMCONTACT WELCOMES THE POLITICAL AGREEMENT ADOPTED BY COMMISSION, DUTCH PRESIDENCY AND PARLIAMENT ON THE MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION AND OFFERS ITS EXPERTISE WHEN DRAFTING COMMON SPECIFICATION FOR PLANO CONTACT LENSES.

The European Commission, Dutch Presidency and European Parliament reached a political agreement on 25th May 2016 on the proposed Regulation on Medical Devices. After more than three years of negotiations, this political agreement is a positive outcome for the contact lens and lens care products industry in Europe.

In particular Euromcontact welcomes the inclusion of plano contact lenses in the scope of the new regulation, a change which has been supported by the Industry for many years. This will ensure the highest possible patient safety. Euromcontact now calls on the European Parliament and EPSCO Council to endorse the political agreement reached by the negotiators.

Helmer Schweizer, President of Euromcontact stated *"The contact lens and lens care products wishes to congratulate the Commission, the Dutch Presidency and the Rapporteurs to have reached an agreement on the new regulatory framework for Medical Devices. Euromcontact is committed to continue its engagement with the European decision-makers, especially when the technical discussions on common specifications will take place, and where the expertise and competence of the industry could be needed and of value."*

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