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## **Council of the European Union Supports the Value of Medical Technology**

The Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council has released its Council Conclusions, which send a clear message from European Governments that innovation in medical technology has an important role to play in the delivery of modern healthcare.

These conclusions emphasised the importance of medical devices in helping EU member states meet the long term social challenges and the importance of medical devices in the continued improvement of patient and user safety. The recommendations follow the Exploratory Process which commenced in 2010 and the High Level Health Conference held on 22 March.

Crucially for industry the recommendations stress the need to adapt EU device legislation to the needs of tomorrow so as to achieve a 'suitable, robust, transparent and sustainable regulatory framework'. The recommendations also invite member states to examine at which level the promotion of medical devices can be regulated in the most effective way.

Mike Kreuzer, ABHI executive Director of Technical and Regulatory said '*The council recommendations not only highlight the important role that medical devices currently play in modern healthcare delivery but also set out a firm political vision as to the future role. These recommendations should lay the foundations for the changes needed to ensure that patients continue to benefit from the latest advances in medical technology.*

*I particularly welcome this announcement as many of the recommendations are in line with many of the suggestions industry are making with regards to the current revision of the medical device directives'*

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### **Association of British Healthcare Industries**

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