

**Subject: Global Health Coalition – joint UPR submission – Austria, Nov. 2015**

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please find attached a joint CSO submission to Austria's upcoming Universal Periodic Review, due to take place during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group (2-13 November 2015). The deadline for CSO-Contributions is scheduled for today, the 22.03.2015.

The two submitting NGOs are Médecins sans Frontières Austria (Ärzte ohne Grenzen) and Universities Allied for Essential Medicines Vienna. Short descriptions of the two organisations as well as full contact details can be found at the bottom of this email.

The topic of the submission concerns Austria's engagement with the **global right to health**. The total page number of the document (excluding front page and annex) is 10 pages. The total word count (excluding front page and annex) is 4,833.

For questions regarding the document specifically, please do not hesitate to contact the coordinator of the joint submission, Ms. Janika Hauser (email: [Janika.hauser@outlook.com](mailto:Janika.hauser@outlook.com), tel.: +44 (0)770 2694343 / +49 (0)1520 5741377).

For all further correspondence regarding Austria's Universal Periodic Review, please do not hesitate to contact myself using the details at the bottom of this email.

Yours faithfully,

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## **Organisation Details:**

**Médecins sans Frontières (MSF)** is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters, and exclusion from healthcare. Our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality. Today, MSF works in over 60 countries. MSF speaks out publicly in an effort to bring forgotten crises to public attention and to advocate on behalf of our patients. Through its Access Campaign, MSF campaigns for access to and the development of life-saving and life-prolonging medicines, diagnostic tests and vaccines for patients in MSF programmes and beyond. The Austrian section of MSF was founded in 1994. In 2014, MSF Austria sent more than 150 medical and non-medical staff to its projects worldwide.

**Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM)** is a non-profit organisation founded in 2001 by students at Yale University. Committed to social justice and health equity, we find it unacceptable that millions of people do not have access to essential medicines. UAEM is particularly concerned about people in developing countries who are disproportionately affected by the access to medicines crisis. As a global movement of university students, UAEM campaigns for improved access to medicines in low- and middle-income countries through changed patenting and licencing norms, and ensuring university research meets the needs of people worldwide.