



GLOBAL HARMONIZATION TASK FORCE

Working Towards Harmonization in Medical Device Regulation

OUTCOME STATEMENT MAY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING BRISBANE 2011

The Steering Committee of the Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF) met in Brisbane, Australia, from 11 to 13 May 2011. Industry and regulatory representatives from each of the founding members – Japan, Canada, United States of America, Europe and Australia – attended the meeting.

As well as progressing current work items the Steering Committee had constructive discussions about the desirable elements and future arrangements for medical device harmonization activities. All members re-affirmed their commitment to continue to work together to achieve harmonized medical device regulatory requirements recognising the major role this activity has in supporting public health.

The Steering Committee reflected on the excellent work of GHTF to date and members committed to using this work as part of the future harmonization endeavour. The Steering Committee will continue to be involved in discussions about the transition arrangements to the new harmonization group.

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