

# Charter of the “Working Group”

The challenges encountered by the Swiss health system are becoming more and more complex. In particular, cost trends present increasing challenges for the universally recognised Swiss health system. Any improvement to the system must be reviewed thoroughly, be balanced and likely to obtain a large political majority. This is why Groupe Mutuel created in 1998 a working group that acts as a policy adviser, comparable to the well-proven Swiss militia system.

**This Charter sets out the aims, the criteria for membership and the general principles of the Working Group.**

**1.**

The Working Group is independent and autonomous.

**2.** The main purpose of the Working Group is to improve the Swiss health system by maintaining a liberal and market-economy approach.

**3.** In addition, the Working Group has the following responsibilities:

- to disseminate knowledge of the system;
- to ensure that an exchange of ideas takes place on current topics of health policy and the economy;
- to submit new ideas to improve the system.

**4.** Membership in the Working Group is not tied to any obligation.

**6.** Members of the Federal Chambers declare their membership in the Parliament's spontaneous declaration of activities.

**8.** Members are committed to a liberal health system and are willing to improve it.



**5.** The Working Group consists of current and former members of the Federal Chambers, as well as of Groupe Mutuel representatives.

**7.** Members represent the different linguistic regions and political parties of the country.

**9.** The financial compensation of members is disclosed publicly and the amounts are monitored regularly.

**10.**

The Working Group generally meets four times a year for one session. Other one-off meetings and events can be planned and organised.