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## Combating Falsified and Other Illegal Medicines: 4th Symposium for OMCLs

### FINAL SUMMARY REPORT

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## 10. BREAK-OUT SESSIONS:

A summary of the discussions held in the three break-out sessions can be found under agenda point 12.

### 10.1. Falsified Cosmetics and Medical Devices (Aula Bovet); Moderators:

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- **Falsified Cosmetics and Medical Devices. Introduction,** *Maria Cristina Gaudiano, OMCL, IT*

*Introduction to the break-out session provided by the author*

Is the falsified medicines market moving towards health products (cosmetics, medical devices - MDs, food supplements, etc.) illegally containing active drug substances? Should these products be considered as "medicines in disguise"? False cosmetics and false MDs mimicking the original products can be found on the market. The presence of many EU regulations on health products (different directives for Medicines and for Food Supplements, different regulations for Cosmetics and for MDs) sometimes makes it difficult to discriminate among different health products, "medicines in disguise" and borderline products. The aim of this break-out session is:

- i) to share within the OMCL Network new cases of cosmetics or MDs adulterated with undeclared active pharmaceutical ingredients;
- ii) to evaluate the trend of the illegal market for these products;
- iii) to discuss the awareness of the EU consumers about the risks related to the illegal market of these kinds of products and the possible actions to take.