

EHIMA General Policy, August 2015

1. EHIMA believes in the right of every hearing impaired person to hear well. We therefore support the UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (<http://www.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml>) as well as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, esp. Article 23.
<http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx>
2. EHIMA works to build and support public awareness of hearing loss and tinnitus, including information on how to seek help
3. EHIMA strives to cooperate with both professional and user organizations
4. EHIMA supports professional counseling and fitting of hearing aids by qualified professionals, who are kept up to date by a mandatory continuing education system
5. EHIMA believes that hearing aids are Medical Devices, for the benefit and safety of the hearing impaired
6. EHIMA supports the introduction of hearing screening programs both for newborns, children and adults, to ensure early intervention and optimum cognitive capacities
7. EHIMA does not support the use of PSAPs for treatment of hearing loss, as they are not tested and controlled for the purpose of correcting hearing loss. For maximum user safety, only officially approved medical devices should be used to correct for hearing loss.
8. EHIMA strives to ensure interference-free access to standardized wireless communication