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The Commissioner said that Amendments Nos 2, 3, 8 and 11 could be accepted as they made the text clearer and the proposal more coherent. The Commission was also favourable to taking action with regard to combating fraud, in accordance with Amendments Nos 1 and 11 and the second part of Amendment No 7. Amendment No 10 could also be accepted as it provided for the possibility of flexibility in the control measures, particularly in the case of SMEs, with the aim of supporting job creation at European level. However, the Commissioner rejected Amendments Nos 4, 5, 6 and 9 whose aim was to remove factors relating to problems known as ‘diploma tourism’ from the common position. The Commission remained convinced that the temporary nature of the proposal was a sufficiently restrictive basis for its application.