Professional qualifications, recognition: doctor, dentist, architect...(amend. direct. 89/48/EEC, 92/51/EEC)

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The European Parliament adopted at second reading 11 amendments to the common position of the Council. The Commission is unable to accept seven of the amendments proposed by the Parliament. These include : - the introduction of a new recital calling on the Commission to present consolidated versions of the Directives, mainly on the grounds that this is a breach of the rules of drafting. - the introduction of a new recital calling on the Commission to draw up studies and legislative proposals on the recognition of training acquired in third countries. The Council's common position already touches directly on this point. - amending the common position by making ongoing training obligatory for general practitioners. According to the Treaty, the organisation and content of education and training is a matter for the Member States. - the introduction of a new condition concerning training for specialists is rejected for the reasons mentioned above. - extending by one year the minimum period of specific training in general medical practice. This is contrary to Treaty, since it goes beyond what is necessary to ensure freedom of movement and the directives on recogntion of diplomas. The remaining amendments are accepted.