

# **Equal treatment in employment and occupation. Employment Equality Directive**

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This amended proposal presented by the Commission relates to a Council Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty. On 25 November 1999, the Commission adopted a package of anti-discrimination proposals based on Article 13 of the EC Treaty. In light of the opinions of the Committee of the Regions, the Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament, the Commission has amended the initial proposal. The European Parliament's amendments which have been accepted by the Commission can be grouped into three broad categories: 1) Amendments bringing the proposal into line with Council Directive 2000/43 /EC (implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin). 2) Amendments which clarify or improve the Commission proposal; 3) Amendments concerning major points relating to disability, and to religion and beliefs.