Doctors: free movement and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and others formal qualifications

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In its opinion on the amendment to the 1993 directive seeking to facilitate the free movement of doctors and the mutual recognition of their diplomas, the Commission pointed out that it was unable to incorporate the amendments approved by the European Parliament at second reading, the main purpose of which is to change the type of committee provided for by the Council (regulatory committee) to a management committee (type IIb). The Commission had already stated that it was able to support the Council's common position and therefore accept the regulatory committee for the purpose of updating the list of designations of specialist medical training courses and the corresponding lists of minimum lengths of training because of the "health protection" aspects of the changes. This was why it had accepted the type of committee provided for by the Council and had not incorporated Parliament's amendments on this point. The other amendments were not incorporated either, for reasons of legal coherence (the Commission considered them immaterial to the proposal).