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

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In adopting the report by Mrs Nicole FONTAINE (PPE, F) on the recognition of professional qualifications, the European Parliament approved, subject to certain amendments, the amendments proposed by the Commission. Generally, the amendments seek to ensure that Member States which wish to impose adaptation periods or aptitude tests should inform the Commission and Member States in advance, setting out the need for the test or adaptation period, its length and the standards to be adopted in any tests. Parliament also seeks to render it more arduous and complex for Member States to derogate from the rule that migrants may choose between a test and an adaptation period, thereby facilitating automatic recognition of qualifications for the professions of doctor and architect. Parliament called on the Commission, in the light of experience, to submit to the Council by 01.01.2008 a report on the application of this amendment to the Directive and to continue in an appropriate manner to harmonise the training of general practitioners. A proposal to this effect should be approved by 01.01.1999.