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

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In approving the report drafted by Mr Rainer WIELAND (EPP/ED, D), the European Parliament adopted, under the codecision procedure, second reading, the Council's common position on the recognition of professional qualifications but tabled a number of amendments calling, among other things, for the length of specific training for general medical practioners to be increased from two to three years. Furthermore, the Parliament also considered that further measures should be adopted to simplify the recognition of qualifications gained in countries outside the European Union and is therefore calling on the Commission to produce sectoral studies, on the basis of which it can, if necessary, present legislative proposals. Lastly, Parliament points out that the legal situation is fragmentary and is therefore calling for manageable consolidated versions of the legislation.