Minimum level of training for seafarers: recognition of certificates issued by third countries

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Bernard POIGNANT (PES, F) making some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 30/04/03.) The date of transposition, however, is changed to 18 months after entry into force of the legislation. Other amendments include: - if no decision is taken on recognition of the third country concerned within the prescribed period, the Member State submitting the request may decide to recognise the third country unilaterally until a decision is taken; - where there are indications that a particular maritime training establishment no longer complies with the requirements of the STCW Convention, the Commission will notify the country concerned that recognition of that country's certificates will be withdrawn in two months time unless measures are taken to ensure compliance with all the requirements of the Convention.