Free movement of persons: right of residence (direct. 90/364/EEC, 90/365/EEC, 93/96/EC, 64 /221/EEC)

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In approving the report drafted by Mrs Alima BOUMEDIENE-THIERY (Greens/EFA, F), the European Parliament adopted the resolution on the report from the Commission on the implementation of Directives 90/364/EEC, 90/365/EEC and 93/96/EEC (right of residence) and on the communication from the Commission on the special measures concerning the movement and residence of citizens of the Union which are justified on grounds of public policy, public security or public health. In relation to the movement and residence of students, the Parliament calls on the Member States to: - ensure, with regard to their national right of residence of students, that their national administrations strictly apply the current provisions of Directive 93/96 (enrolement at institution, statement of adequate means, health insurance) to the exclusion of all other conditions; - limit in so far as possible the formalities relating to the renewal of residence permits; - ensure that all students are able to apply for a work permit in the country in which they are studying in order to finance their studies; - not to make financial assistace to students subject to nationality conditions. With regard to the movement and residence of retired people, the European Parliament calls on the Commission to simplify the procedures for providing evidence of adequate means and to take account of impact on the validity of residence permits of the increasingly common practice of living alternately in the host country of origin in the course of a single year. As far as the movement and residence of migrant workers are concerned, the Member States are called upon to facilitate to the maximum the granting and renewal of residence permits for migrant workers, particularly temporary, part-time or seasonal workers, by granting them a five-year residence permit if they have held jobs for more than 12 months during a period of a residence in the host country exceeding 18 months. Moreover, the Parliament calls on host Member States to allow unemployed workers to extend their right of residence for the period during which they are entitled to draw unemployment benefit in the country concerned and to renew their residence permit automatically for periods of at least six months while they are genuinely seeking employment. Furthermore, family reunification must be simplified and facilitated.