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To
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President of UEMO
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UEMO Lobbying process

Dear Mr. President, dear friends,

as we hear, the EU Council will have to decide upon Parliaments' amendments to the doctor's directive before end of this month.

It seems that within the Council seven countries are against all of the amendments (Sweden, Portugal, Finland, Luxembourg, France, Austria, Ireland), perhaps because they are not so familiar with the problem. Some are against the obligation for life long learning. (Spain and Denmark) and others oppose the inclusion of General Practice in the basic medical training of specialists.

Outright in favor of all amendments are UK and Greece.

If inspite of this unfavorable situation, we want to have a chance to get the three years specific training in General Practice, we all will have to back up the proposed amendments of the European Parliament and talk again to our national Health Ministries **u r g e n t l y**.

May we suggest that the UEMO Presidency tries again to prepare and convince the competent representatives within the Commission.

With best regards

German UEMO Delegation