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UEMO Working Groups **On** **Specific Training** **Malta, Crowne Plaza 15th June 2001**

Chair Dr von der Damerou (Germany)
Rapporteur Dr Philip Evans (UK)

The Working Group was very well attended with 24 representatives from 13 countries.

1. The report of the meeting of the Working Group in Zurich was approved.
2. **EU Directive 93/16**

The success of the lobbying process for 3 years training was noted. It was reported by Mr Robert Vierhout that the final wording should be available within the next 2-3 weeks from the Commission. The Irish delegation proposed that a follow-up statement regarding the directive should be sent by UEMO to the Commission. It was agreed that this would be prepared for adoption by the Plenum.

3. **EU Commission Paper on the Future Regime for Professional Regulation**

This paper was considered and it was agreed that a detailed response should be prepared by a small group consisting of the UK, Germany, Austria, Netherlands and Italy. A draft response would be circulated to all National Organisations for urgent comment. The final draft would then be prepared and sent by UEMO to the European Commission before the deadline of 28 September 2001. The member countries of the small group proposed Dr Roger Chapman (UK) as Chair of the group.

4. BMA Paper on the Future of the 'Doctors' Directive

This was considered to be an important paper related to the Commission's paper. It was agreed to recommend that the Small Working Group should also consider this paper and draft a response to be considered at the next meeting of the Working Group in Venice in October 2001.

5. General Practice as a Specialist Discipline

This topic was considered a vital subject for consideration by UEMO. It is recommended that the Small Working Group devise a policy paper to be considered by the Working Group on specific training for adoption during 2002 by UEMO.

6. Slovenian Postgraduate Examination

Slovenia requests support from UEMO regarding general practitioners to act as examiners rather than specialists in the postgraduate examination for family medicine. It was agreed that the Slovenian delegation would be asked to prepare a statement for adoption by the Plenum.

7. Future of the Working Group

The Working Group recommends its continuation to consider the following topics:

- (a) The European Union's proposals on the future of professional recognition/regulation.
- (b) The future of the doctors directives.
- (c) General practice as a specialist discipline.