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OBJECTIONS BY THE SPANISH DELEGATION AT THE UEMO ON THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UEMO FLORENCE, 4-5 OCTOBER 2002 – REF.: DOC. UEMO 2003/027

The Spanish Delegation at the UEMO would like to make the following comments with regard to the contents of the Minutes of the General Assembly of the UEMO and Working Groups, by reason of the meeting held in Florence on the 4th and 5th October 2002 – Ref.: UEMO 2003/027.

Under the item on “Reports by the Working Groups” of these Minutes, and with reference to the discussion on Specific Training in General Practice, the inclusion of General Practice under Title III of the European Directive and 5-year duration of the training period, at the UEMO General Assembly and at the actual Working Group on Specific Training, we would like to set on the record the interventions by the different delegations with regard to this question, because the approaches by the different delegations of the countries that have taken part in the discussion have been very different.

The result of the voting to approve the Resolution to which reference is made should likewise be put on the record which, if our notes were not taken wrongly, was 8 votes in favour of the mentioned resolution, with 3 votes against and 2 abstentions.

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The Report-Proposal by the Spanish Delegation with regard to this question has been explained in Document UEMO 2002/071; in this document we expressed our support and backing for the “discipline” of General Practice be considered a Speciality and in a similar way to the rest of the Specialities with regard to its status and recognition, quality training and contents, prestige in the academic, professional, health and political field, and improvements in remunerations and material and human resources; but positioning ourselves in favour of design and contents of the Proposal of Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications and Title IV of Directive 93/16/EC on Specific Training in General Practice. If the justification for the existence and pertinence of Title IV of the Directive was, among other arguments, that it was raised 16 years ago for countries with difficulties, we consider that in a EU that will be formed by 25 members with the recent accession of 10 new members (signing of the accession treaty in Athens) which will become full right members of the EU on the 1st May 2004 (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta) and other candidates in 2007 (Bulgaria and Romania), it would seem fully justified to keep that Title IV in full force.

In addition we considered that the legal terms of application of the Directive and duration of Specific Training in General Practice for 3 years (approved in 2001) should be respected and that according to art. 26.2 of the Proposal of Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, there is no obligation until the year 2006 for the said 3 years of Training.

The postures of the different Delegations in the UEMO are not set on the record of the Minutes of the General Assembly (UEMO 2003/027), and it is evident that the posture and approach at that same debate by countries such as Sweden and Germany, to give an example, differs to that of countries like Spain, and other countries such as Italy, Portugal, the Netherlands, Iceland, Ireland etc.

In short, the members of the Spanish Delegation request that at least the posture of our delegation on that question be set on the record in the Minutes, and on the following lines:

1. Consideration, to all effects, of the discipline of General Practice as Speciality... YES

2. Support of Title IV of the Directive of the Council and of the concept of Specific Training in General Practice and its automatic recognition by art. 20.2 of the Proposal of Directive... YES
3. Duration of the specific 5-year training period... NO, for questions of opportunity, solidarity and fundamentally for reasons of respect of current legality and the terms stipulated in art. 26.2 of the Proposal of Directive that lays down the obligation of there still being a 3-years duration from 1st January 2006, and especially because we consider that the important issue at stake is the contents, the quality and the competence and use, and we understand that a 3-year training duration is adequate.

Lastly we also request to be set on the record in the Minutes of the Assembly the final result of the voting on the UEMO Resolution on Specific Training in General Practice.