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**Motion from the Spanish Delegation concerning the recognition of basic and specialist medical qualifications obtained in extra-Community countries**

As has been occurring in recent years, the biggest problem of Spanish doctors in training still lies with the contracting by the public health services of doctors who hold titles obtained in countries outside the European Union, without complying with the necessary legal requirements for the official recognition of their foreign medical qualifications.

In the last 5 years it so happens that more third country medical degrees are officially recognised in Spain than those which our very own country produces, whereas the number of recognised specialist medical qualifications represents only 2-3% of the number of non-community recognised graduates. We estimate at 14 000 to 16 000 the number of these doctors in our country.

Wherefore we beg the plenary meeting of the AEMH to issue a communiqué (UEMO and PWG already expressed their support on this issue) demanding that the Spanish authorities (Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health and Social Affairs) fulfil the European directive on medical qualifications, proposing the following model:

***The AEMH Plenary Meeting has been informed by the Spanish Delegation of “Consejo General de Colegios de Médicos” that the public health services in Spain are contracting many doctors who hold medical qualifications obtained in countries outside the European Union ignoring the procedures of recognition of genuine medical specialist qualifications, as well as choosing medical university graduates who have not completed postgraduate specialist training. The AEMH urges the Spanish health authorities to put an end to this practice and to respect the European directive on the recognition of professional qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC).***

***We are concerned that this policy will jeopardise the quality of patient care and will have a major impact on patient safety.***