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We, as representatives of the undersigned European Medical Organisations, take the opportunity to highlight jointly the driving principles to be considered by European decision-makers while the Directive 2005/36/EC on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications is being modernised.

In this respect, we emphasise the following fundamental principles:

- That the primacy of ensuring the safety and quality of care for patients justifies the distinct regulation of the medical profession;
- Safety will be improved by enhancing communication and exchange of information, in full compliance with national and European legislations on data protection, notably through:
 - Strengthening the Internal Market Information (IMI) System,
 - Introducing an alert mechanism to share information about decisions taken against a doctor's registration,
 - Facilitating access to information for professionals, patients and the citizens.
- Quality of care will be improved by updating and renewing provisions related to medical training particularly in establishing the concept of competence-based training, to complement the duration-based focus of the Directive:
 - Revising the denomination of certain medical specialties;
 - Adopting a EU set of competences and requirements;
 - Ensuring a minimum period for all medical specialists of specialist training of 5 years;
 - Introducing the concept of "particular qualifications";
 - Strengthening the provisions relating to Continuous Professional Development.
- Improving the working methods of the Recognition Committee, notably through greater involvement of the relevant professional organisations
- Clarifying the requirements for a professional's language competence in a host country.
- Exempting medical professionals from the principle of 'partial access'.

In addition,

- We are concerned about the proposed three-phased approach towards modernisation and the likely postponement of important priorities as set out above.
- While we regret the lack of representativity of the Steering Group on the European professional card, we welcome the opportunity to discuss a voluntary system of a European professional certificate and favour the use and further development of existing tools (e.g. IMI and national existing cards/e-certificate) to facilitate the recognition process.
- We strongly support the Network of Medical Competent Authorities in collaboration with the professional bodies which provides considerable expertise and practical experience of the implications of high levels of professional mobility.

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