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The 6<sup>th</sup> reform of the Belgian Constitution has been voted by the Parliament.

It means the regionalization of a lot of matters among whom the Social Security, including Healthcare.

Nobody knows what shall actually and precisely occur in these fields.

It is therefore very difficult to draw a reliable picture of the situation of the healthcare system and .....of the others fields of politics and economics as well.

Nevertheless, at least three points are sure (?) to stay at a National level:

- 1. Insidious economic restrictions have led the hospitals on the brink of bankrupt. (this problem will be now within the competence of each region or community).
- 2. The Social Security Offices (so-called "mutuelles") have launched an offensive against the private practice i.e. the 20% of doctors that have refused to agree with the tariff rates.
- 3. The possibility for euthanasia is now extended to the minors

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