

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COUNCIL DECISION

setting up an Advisory Committee  
for the training in the field of Nursing Care

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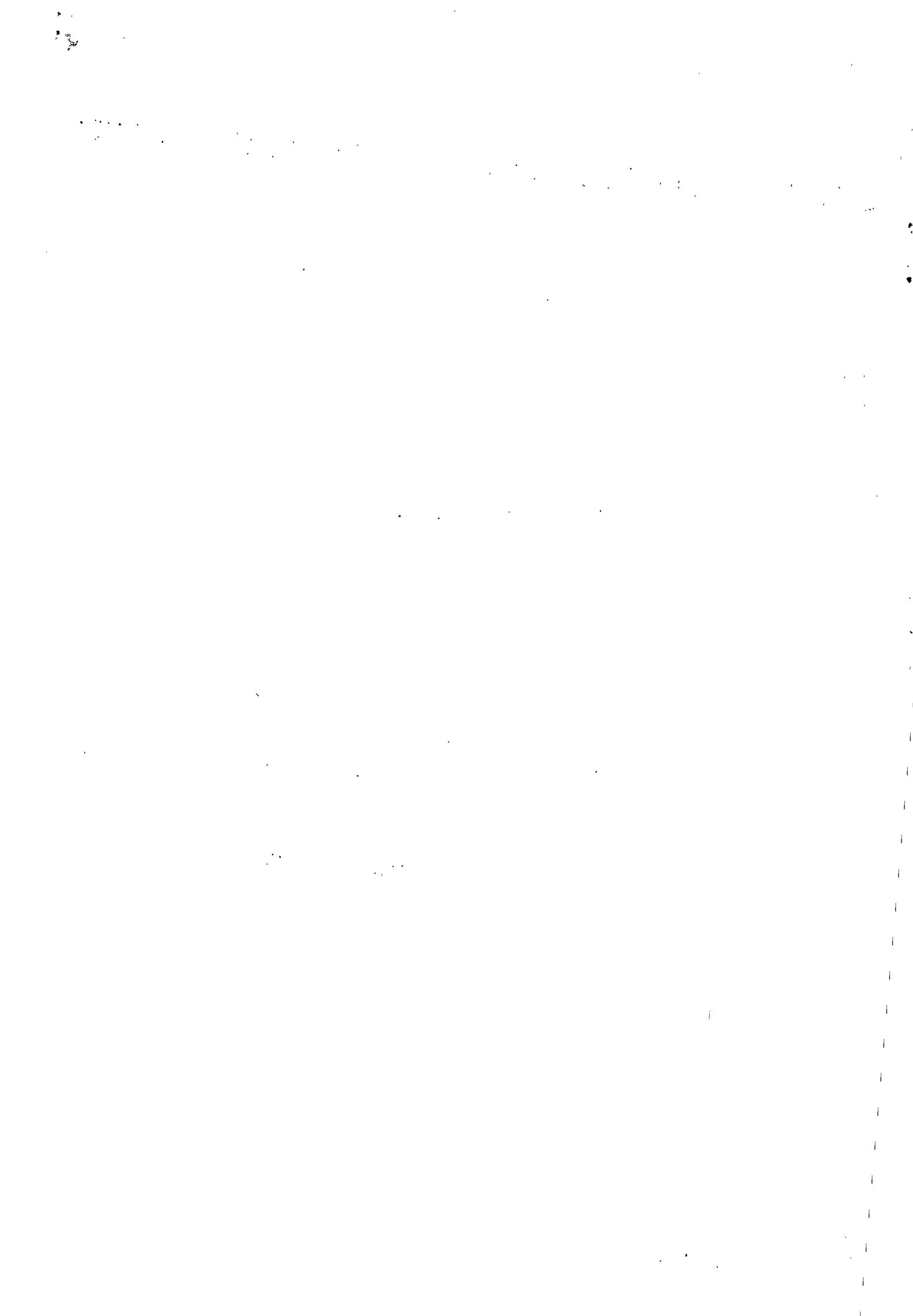
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COUNCIL DECISION

modifying the Council Decision 75/365/EEC of 16 June 1975  
setting up a  
Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



DRAFT FOR A COUNCIL DECISION ON THE SETTING UP OF AN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON THE TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF NURSING CARE

Explanatory memorandum

1. In discussion of the draft Directives of the Council, presented by the Commission on 14 October 1969, concerning the mutual recognition of the qualifications of persons in general nursing, and the coordination of the provisions for taking-up and exercising the activities of persons in general nursing, importance has been attached to the quality of the training of nurses.
2. This qualitative approach is also in accordance with one of the guidelines set out in the Council Resolution of 6 June 1974 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other titles(1).
3. In that resolution the Council also declared itself in favour of the establishment of Advisory Committees and the first Advisory Committee has already been set up on Medical Training (2).
4. It is accordingly proposed that, quite apart from the requirements as to the quality of the training of persons in general nursing set out in Article 1.1. of the Directive, an Advisory Committee on the training of these Nurses, should be set up at Community level.
5. Since it is not desirable to distinguish between the examination of training problems related to general nurses - to whom sole reference has been made in the above mentioned draft directives - and those related to other categories of nurses the competence of the Advisory Committee should be extended to training problems related to all personnel giving nursing care.
6. The function of this Advisory Committee is to help to ensure a comparably high standard of the training of the various categories of personnel giving nursing care in the Community.
7. The Advisory Committee would do this by giving opinions and recommendations to the Commission, in the light of which the Commission would where appropriate submit to the Council proposals for amendments to the Directives on persons in general nursing and eventually directives, concerning other categories of nursing personnel.

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(1) OJ No. C98 of 20.8.1974

(2) OJ No. L167 du 30. 6. 75

8. The Advisory Committee should be composed of experts drawn from the practising profession, the establishments responsible for the training of nurses, and the competent authorities of the Member States.
9. Prior to the formulation of this proposal the Commission sought the view of the "Permanent Committee of Nurses in Liaison with the EEC".

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COUNCIL DECISION

setting up an Advisory Committee  
for the training in the field of Nursing Care

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic  
Community;

Having regard to the draft decision submitted by the Commission;

Whereas, in its Resolution of 6 June 1974 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications, the Council declared itself in favour of the establishment of advisory committees;

Whereas, in the context of the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications for general nurses as well as for all other personnel giving nursing care, it is important to ensure a comparably high standard of training;

Whereas, to contribute to the attainment of this objective, it is desirable to set up an Advisory Committee to advise the Commission,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

An Advisory Committee on the training in the field of nursing care, hereinafter called the "Committee", shall be set up within the Commission.

#### Article 2

1. The task of the Committee shall be to help to ensure a comparably high standard of training of the various categories of nursing personnel in the Community.
2. It shall carry out this task in particular by the following means:
  - exchange of comprehensive information as to the training methods and the content, level and structure of theoretical and practical courses provided in the Member States;
  - discussion and consultation with the object of developing common approaches to the standard to be attained in the training of nursing personnel and, as appropriate, to the structure and content of such training;

- keeping under review the adaptation of the abovementioned training to developments in nursing practice, medical and social science and teaching methods.
3. The Committee shall communicate to the Commission and the Member States its opinions and recommendations including, when it considers it appropriate, suggestions for amendments to be made to the Articles concerning training in Council Directives relating to the activities of nursing care, and especially in Directives 75/.../EEC<sup>(1)</sup> and 75/.../EEC<sup>(2)</sup>.
  4. The Committee shall also advise the Commission on any matter which the Commission may refer to it in connection with the training of nursing personnel.

#### Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of three experts from each Member State, as follows:
  - one expert from the practising profession;
  - one expert from the establishments responsible for training in the field of nursing
  - one expert from the competent authorities of the Member State.
2. There shall be an alternate for each member. Alternates may attend the meetings of the Committee.
3. The members and alternates described in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be nominated by the Member States. The members referred to in the first and second indents of paragraph 1 and their alternates shall be nominated upon the proposal of the practising profession and the establishments responsible for training in the field of nursing. The members and alternates thus nominated shall be appointed by the Council.

#### Article 4

1. The term of office of members of the Committee shall be three years. After the expiry of this period the members of the Committee shall remain in office until replacements have been provided or their term of office is renewed.

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(1) OJ No. ...

(2) OJ No. ...

2. The term of office of a member may end before the expiry of the period of three years by virtue of resignation or death of the member, or his replacement by another person, in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Article 3. Such an appointment would be for the remainder of the term of office.

Article 5

The Committee shall elect a Chairman and two Deputy Chairmen from its own membership. It shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The agenda for meetings shall be drawn up by the Chairman of the Committee in consultation with the Commission.

Article 6

The Committee may set up working parties, call upon and allow observers or experts to assist it in connection with all the special aspects of its work.

Article 7

The Secretariat shall be provided by the Commission.

Done at

For the Council  
The President

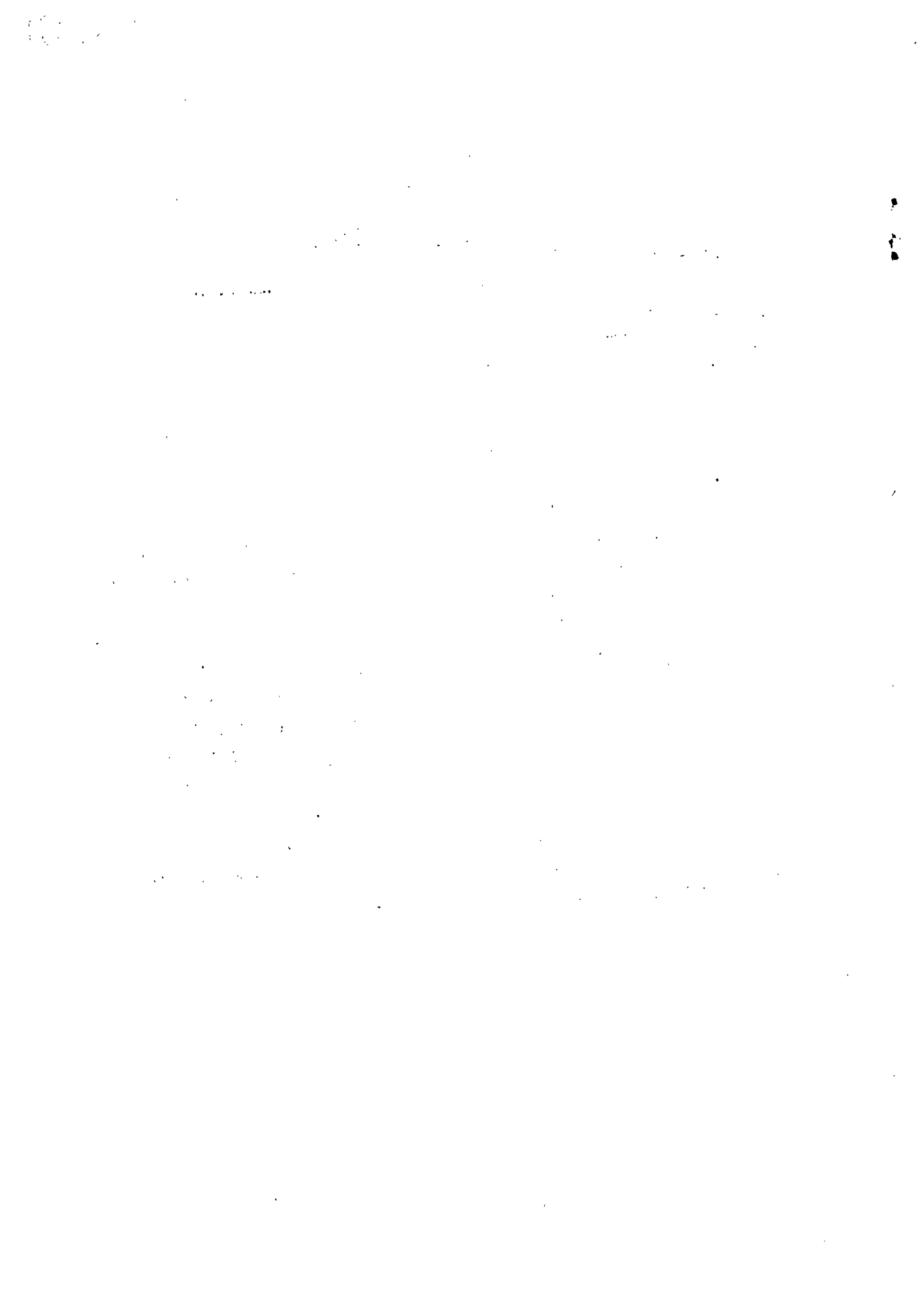


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DRAFT FOR A COUNCIL DECISION MODIFYING COUNCIL DECISION 75/365/EEC  
OF 16.6.75 SETTING UP A COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Explanatory memorandum

1. Within the framework of the directives relating to the right of establishment and free provision of services of doctors, the Council has decided to set up a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health
2. The task of the Committee is to discover and analyse the difficulties which might arise from the implementation of the directives relating to the right of establishment and the free provision of services of doctors, to collect all relevant information on the conditions under which medical care is given in the Member States and to deliver opinions which could guide the work of the Commission with a view to amendment of the above mentioned directives.
3. It seems highly desirable to extend the task of the Committee so as to entrust it to analyse the difficulties which might arise from the right of establishment and free provision of services of general nurses and any other problem which might face other categories of nursing personnel.
4. Consequently the Commission proposes to modify the above mentioned Council decision with a view to extend the task of the Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health.



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 COUNCIL DECISION  
 OF  
 MODIFYING THE COUNCIL DECISION 75/367/EEC  
 OF 16.6.75<sup>16.6.75</sup> SETTING UP A COMMITTEE OF SENIOR  
 OFFICIALS ON PUBLIC HEALTH (\*)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,  
 Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
 Economic Community;  
 Having regard to the ~~draft decision submitted by~~ the Commission  
 Whereas a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health  
 has been set up by the Council Decision 75/.../EEC (\*)  
 with a view to discover and analyse the difficulties which  
 might arise from the implementation of the directives relating  
 to the right of establishment and the free provision of services  
 of doctors, to collect all relevant information on the conditions  
 under which the medical care is given in the Member States  
 and to deliver opinions which could guide the Commission's  
 work with a view to amendment of the above mentioned directive.

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(\*) OJ No...L 167 of 30.6.75

Whereas the application of the measures adopted by the Council as regards the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services and the co-ordination of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of activities of general nurses may give rise to problems which should be examined jointly;

Whereas it seems equally desirable within this framework to consider the problems which might face other categories of nursing personnel;

Whereas the Committee of Senior Officials on public health set up by Council Decision 75/.../EEC should be entrusted with this task;

Whereas the terms of reference of that Committee should be extended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 2 of the Council Decision 75/365/EEC of 16.6.75<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows:

- discovering and analysing any difficulties which might arise from the implementation of Directives 75/367/EEC<sup>(1)</sup> and 75/363/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>, 75/.../EEC<sup>(2)</sup> and 75/.../EEC<sup>(3)</sup>;
- collecting all relevant information on the conditions under which general and specialist medical care is given by doctors in the Member States;
- collecting all relevant information on the conditions under which nursing care is given by nurses in the Member States;
- delivering opinions which could guide the Commission's work with a view to amendment of the above-mentioned Directives.

Done at  
 For the Council  
 The President

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(1) OJ No. L 167 of 30. 6. 1975

(2) OJ No. ...  
 (3) OJ No. ...

(2) OJ No. (Recognition directive, general nurses)  
 (3) OJ No. (Coordination directive, general nurses)

