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DRAFT FOR A COUNCIL DECISION ON
THE SETTING UP OF AN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON THE TRAINING OF MIDWIVES

DRAFT FOR A COUNCIL DECISION MODIFYING DECISION 75/365/EEC
SETTING UP A COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON PUBLIC HEALTH (1)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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THE SETTING UP OF AN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON THE TRAINING OF MIDWIVES

Explanatory memorandum

1. In the discussion of the ^{draft} Directives concerning the activities of doctors adopted in June 1975 (1) and of the draft directives relating to general nurses, importance has been attached to the quality of the training of these professionals.
2. This qualitative approach is in line with the Council Resolution of 6 June 1974 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other titles (2).
3. In that resolution the Council also declared itself in favour of the establishment of Advisory Committees. The first Advisory Committee has already been set up on Medical Training (1) and the Commission has proposed to set up another one for the training in the field of nursing care.
4. It is accordingly proposed that, quite apart from the requirements as to the quality of the training of midwives set out in Article 1. of the Coordination Directive, an Advisory Committee on the training of midwives, should be set up at Community level.
5. The function of this Advisory Committee is to help to ensure a comparably high standard of training of midwives throughout the Community.
6. 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 concerning midwives.
7. The Advisory Committee should be composed of experts drawn from the practising profession of midwives, the institutions responsible for training of midwives, and the competent authorities of the Member States.
8. Prior to the formulation of this proposal the Commission sought the view of the "Permanent Committee of Midwives" of the EEC, which supported unanimously the setting up of such a Committee.

(1) O.J. No. L 167 of 30.6.1975
(2) O.J. No. C 98 of 28.8.1974

COUNCIL DECISION

setting up an Advisory Committee
on the Training of Midwives

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 midwives 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

There is hereby attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives, hereinafter called the "Committee".

Article 2

1. The task of the Committee shall be to help to ensure throughout the Community a comparably high standard of training of midwives.
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 midwives and, as appropriate, to the structure and content of such training;
 - keeping under review the adaptation of the abovementioned training to developments in midwifery 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 of midwives in Directives -/-/EEC(1) and -/-/EEC(2)
4. The Committee shall also advise the Commission on any matter which the Commission may refer to it in connection with the training of midwives.

(1) OJ No.

(2) OJ No.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of three experts from each Member State, as follows:
 - one practising midwife;
 - one person representing the institutions responsible for the training of midwives;
 - one person representing the competent authorities of the Member States.
2. There shall be an alternate for each Member. Alternates may attend the meetings of the Committee.
3. The members and alternates referred to 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 on proposals from representatives of practising midwives and of the institutions responsible for the training of midwives. 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 until their appointments are renewed.
2. The term of office of a member may be terminated before expiry of the period of three years by resignation or death, or by his replacement by another person in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Article 3. Such an appointment shall be for the remainder of the term of office in question.

Article 5

The Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman and two Deputy Chairmen. 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 and call upon and allow observers or experts to assist it in connection with all the special aspects of its work.

Article 7

Secretarial services for the Committee shall be provided by the Commission.

Done at

For the Council

The President

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DRAFT FOR A COUNCIL DECISION MODIFYING DECISION 75/365/EEC
SETTING UP A COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON PUBLIC HEALTH (1)

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. In August 1975 the Commission proposed to extend the task of the Committee to deal also with the difficulties which might arise from the implementation of the Directives relating to nurses responsible for the general care.
4. It seems equally desirable to further extend the task of the Committee to deal with any difficulty which might arise from the implementation of the Directives relating to the taking up and pursuit of the activities of midwives.
5. The Commission, therefore, proposes to modify Decision 75/365/EEC with a view to extend the task of the Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health.

COUNCIL DECISION

of

amending Decision 75/365/EEC setting up a
Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health (1)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Decision 75/365/EEC the Council set up a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health which has as its task to identify and analyse any difficulties which might arise from the implementation of the Directives relating to the right of establishment and freedom to provide services by 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 Commission's work with a view to amendment of the said Directives;

Whereas that Decision has been amended by Decision / /EEC (2), which entrusts the Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health with the same task in relation to the implementation of the Directives relating to the right of establishment and freedom to provide services of nurses responsible for general care;

(1) OJ No L 167, 30.6.1975, p. 19

(2) OJ No

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 midwives may give rise to problems which should be examined jointly;

Whereas the Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health set up by Decision 75/365/EEC should be entrusted with this task;

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

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Article 2 of Decision 75/365/EEC, as amended by Decision / /EEC, is further amended to read as follows:

"Article 2

The task of the Committee shall be:

- to identify and analyse any difficulties which might arise from the implementation of Directives 75/362/EEC (1), 75/363/EEC (2), / /EEC (3), / /EEC (4), / /EEC (5) and / /EEC (6);
- to collect all relevant information as to:
 - . the conditions under which general and specialist medical care is given by doctors in the Member States;
 - . the conditions under which nursing care is given in the Member States by nurses responsible for general care;
 - . the conditions under which the activities of midwives are carried out in the Member States;
- to deliver opinions which could guide the Commission's work with a view to amendment of the abovementioned Directives."

Done at

For the Council

The President

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- (1) OJ No L 167, 30.6.1975, p. 1
 - (2) OJ No L 167, 30.6.1975, p. 17
 - (3) OJ No (Recognition Directive, general nurses)
 - (4) OJ No (Coordination Directive, general nurses)
 - (5) OJ No (Recognition Directive, midwives)
 - (6) OJ No (Coordination Directive, midwives)

