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At the CPME Board Meeting in Brussels on 13 June 2009, CPME adopted the following document: **“CPME Statement on the assessment of International Medical Graduates from outside the EEA”** (CPME 2009/098 final EN/Fr)” (referring to CPME 2009/098 EN/Fr)

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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), representing about 2 million doctors in the European Union / European Economic Area, aims to promote the highest standards of medical training and medical practice in order to achieve the highest quality of health care for all citizens of Europe and secure patient safety. The CPME would like to bring the following to your attention .

Directive 2005/36/EC arranges the mutual recognition of professional qualification of doctors and other health care professionals from member state nationals. The directive guarantees that persons who acquired their professional qualifications in a Member State have right of access to the same profession in another Member State. These persons have the same rights as nationals without prejudice to compliance by the migrant professional with any non-discriminatory conditions of pursuit which might be laid down by the latter Member State, provided that these are objectively justified and proportionate.

Article 2(2) of this Directive states that member states are free to recognise diplomas from member state nationals which are not obtained in a member state as long as the minimum training conditions set by the Directive are respected.

The general principle of the Directive states that each member state is free to choose its own procedure for the recognition of medical diplomas acquired outside the EU by non member state nationals (Consideration 10).

Member states are however required to respect the minimum training conditions for certain professions so that the minimum duration of training and the comparability of that training are thoroughly ascertained. National regulatory authorities should thus respect the Minimum training conditions set by the Directive at all times. This rule also affects bilateral mutual recognition agreements with countries outside the EU.

The CPME requests the national regulatory authorities to ensure that article 2 (2) and consideration 10 of Directive 2005/36/EC are respected at all times. In this way they will adequately fulfil their responsibility in protecting the quality of healthcare for the European patient.