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Joint statement of European health professions on SLIM

## Sujet

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## **Joint Statement of European Health Professions on SLIM**

We the undersigned believe that the sectoral directives on training for the health professions should be maintained and updated in line with development in the health sciences. This will help to ensure that a certain level of health protection for patients and consumers of health care in the EU is maintained. Citizens living and travelling in the EU should be sure that they will have access to high quality health care regardless of the country in which they need treatment.

As our respective professions are regulated by these sectoral directives, we believe that third country diplomas must, therefore, reach the level of the sectoral directives in order to maintain high levels of health care. The professions believe that there should be no *automatic* right to recognition of third country basic diplomas across the EU; even if one Member State has previously chosen to recognise the diploma in their own country.

The Advisory Committees on training for the health professions fulfil several vital purposes:

- They act as fora for experts from the professions to discuss the quality, structure, content and level of training for each profession
- They ensure that issues relating to training and education are dealt with by those with a specific knowledge of education and of the practice of the profession
- They are the only bodies with the *official* and *legal* basis to do this

The Advisory Committees have and should continue to have the right to make recommendations to the Commission and the Member States on education and training for the health professionals and to discuss standards of practice.

The representatives of the professions on the Advisory Committees must come from the practising profession and from educational establishments to ensure that the opinions are truly representative of each profession. Representatives must be drawn from the profession which they are representing at the meetings.

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President of the *Standing Committee of Nurses of the EU*:

President of *European Midwives Liaison Committee*:

President of the *Pharmaceutical Group of the EU*:

President of the *Standing Committee of European Doctors*

President of the *Federation of Veterinarians of the EU*: