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**CP MOTION : REACTION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
DOCUMENT (8435) “A EUROPEAN APPROACH TO NON-
CONVENTIONAL MEDICINES” (CP INFO 36-1999)**

The Standing Committee of European Doctors acknowledges the release of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee's report on non-conventional medicines, presented to the Council of Europe.

The Standing Committee of European Doctors underlines that the medical act consists of a prior diagnosis before any therapy. Only the medical training, harmonised throughout Europe, gives the guarantee of the best possible adequacy between the patient's request and the doctor's response.

The Standing Committee of European Doctors support the conclusion that the best guarantee for patients in a well-trained profession with an organisational structure including a Code of ethics and selfregulatory mechanisms, and authorised by law. However, the techniques such as acupuncture can only be used safely with the appropriate diagnosis.

Before alternative and complementary therapies can be recognised and thought, they must scientifically proven and systematically evaluated.

Therefore, the CP cannot accept the conclusions of this report as a whole.