

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III - 23

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article III-23 (ex Article 47)

1. A European framework law shall make it easier for persons to take up and pursue activities as self-employed persons. It shall cover:

- (a) the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications;
- (b) the coordination of the provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the taking-up and pursuit of activities as self-employed persons.

The European framework law referred to in paragraph 1(b) shall be adopted by the Council acting unanimously.

2. In the case of the medical and allied and pharmaceutical professions, the progressive abolition of restrictions shall be dependent upon coordination of the conditions for their exercise in the various Member States.

Explanation (if any) : There are serious ongoing concerns regarding consumer protection and public safety issues in the work under way in the Council Working Group to agree a new Consolidated Directive on the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications. These have not yet been resolved, and until they are, I would not support a move to the ordinary legislative procedure and would prefer to retain the existing procedures (unanimity in Council with co-decision).