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Subject: Request for clarification – Process for the inclusion of a new dental speciality under Annex V, 5.3.3 of Directive 2005/36/EC

Dear Ms Agata Walaszczyk-Terrasse and Mr Marcin Baran,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of European Dentists (CED), representing over 340,000 practising dentists through 32 national dental associations and chambers from 30 European countries. We wish to enquire into the process for initiating the inclusion of a new dental speciality under point 5.3.3 of Annex V. of the Professional Qualifications Directive (2005/36/EC).

The CED's Working Group dedicated to Education and Professional Qualifications has been actively involved in the latest consultations for the revision and update of the Professional Qualifications Directive through Delegated Acts. The CED therefore remains committed to ensuring that the free movement of dental professionals and the minimum training requirements, as enshrined in the Directive, are fully upheld.

Specifically, with regard to specialities, Directive 2005/36/EC currently ensures the automatic recognition and harmonisation in the European Union, of two specialities, namely of Orthodontics and Oral Surgery.

Periodontology is an officially recognised and widely practised speciality in several European countries. It is an increasingly recognised dental speciality focused on preserving teeth rather than extracting them or placing implants. Periodontology plays a crucial role in dental and overall oral health, particularly in the prevention of gum diseases such as gingivitis and periodontitis.

The free professional mobility of periodontists, in existing countries where the speciality is already recognised, is imperative for promoting the effective circulation of expertise, knowledge and specialist workforce in periodontal care between Member States. It also encourages highly qualified individuals to enter speciality training in Periodontology.

In line with Article 35.5 of Directive 2005/36/EC, "in order to take due account of changes in national legislation, and with a view to updating this Directive, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 57c concerning the inclusion in point 5.3.3 of Annex V of new dental specialties common to at least two-fifths of the Member States". Currently more than two-fifths of EU Member States have officially recognised periodontology as a dental speciality under their national legislation.

We are therefore reaching out to inquire about the official and detailed process required for submitting a request for the European Commission to examine the inclusion of Periodontology



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under point 5.3.3 of Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC, alongside the two currently recognised specialities. We would greatly appreciate an outline of the procedure, as well as a clarification of the role of Member States, national dental associations and European associations such as the Council of European Dentists in submitting this request.

We thank you in advance for providing clarification on the formal process for requesting an examination of the inclusion of an additional dental speciality under the Directive.

We remain committed to providing any further information you may require on this topic.

Kind regards,

Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg

CED President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg', with a small flourish at the end.