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## AMENDMENTS 1-3

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**Bert Doorn**

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Suggestions

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Amendment by José María Gil-Robles

Amendment 1

Suggestion 5

5. Considers that the Commission should not only take account of the market situation in applying the provisions of competition law to the liberal professions, but must also bear in mind the social functions characteristic of the liberal professions. Calls, therefore, on the Commission to allow associations of the liberal professions the discretion to take measures in accordance with these social functions;

### *Justification*

*The social function of the liberal professions means it may affect not only anti-trust law but the entire gamut of competition law.*

Or. es

Amendment by Kurt Lechner

Amendment 2

Suggestion 5

5. Considers that the Commission should not only take account of the market situation in applying the provisions of anti-trust law to the liberal professions, but must also bear in mind the social *aspects and tasks in the public interest, corresponding to some extent to those of a public authority, which are largely* characteristic of the liberal professions;

*Justification*

*The liberal professions perform important social tasks, and also carry out a number of functions which are in the public interest. For that reason we should look not only at the market situation should also seek to guarantee their ability to perform tasks in the public interest.*

Or. de

Amendment by Kurt Lechner

Amendment 3

Suggestion 5 a (new)

- 5 a. Calls, therefore, on the Commission to allow associations of the liberal professions the discretion to take measures *to permit them to perform their* social *and public interest* functions *correctly*;

Or. de