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At its Board meeting, Brussels, March 29th, 2003, the CPME adopted the following policy : **CPME statement on equality in medical education** (CPME 2003/052 Final EN)

It has been brought to the knowledge of the CPME that the ministry of education in Finland has proposed that nurses and some other health professionals should be educated to become medical doctors through a shortened and modified training program.

In this context it has been proposed that parts of their previous education in institutions other than universities; and work experience; should be approved as medical education.

Nursing and medical practice are two different professions. The professions work together and learn from each others, but it must be acknowledged that the two educational processes are different and not mutually interchangeable.

The CPME, wanting to safeguard the accepted high educational standards and quality of care, underlines that medical education must remain in the domain of universities and as also stated by the Directive 93/16/EEC no part of it must be replaced by lower education.