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HEALTH CARE ORGANISATIONS AND AIDS
Written Question No. 310 by Mr Bruton
(CM(90)23)

The Representative of the United Kingdom proposed that the content of the draft reply set out in the Notes in the Agenda No. 7756 should be aligned with the terms of reference of the Select Committee of experts on the impact of the AIDS epidemic on health care organisation.

The Secretary to the Committee said that a revised draft reply could be prepared and submitted to the Deputies, which would include the specific terms of reference of the Select Committee as suggested by the Representative of the United Kingdom.

Decision

The Deputies adopted the following reply to Written Question No. 310 by Mr Bruton on health care organisation and AIDS:

"In reply to Mr Bruton's Written Question No. 310 on health care organisation and AIDS, the Committee of Ministers has the following observations to formulate:

The Committee of Ministers has set up the Select Committee of Experts on the impact of the AIDS epidemic on health care organisation to implement Activity VI.13 (Element 2) of the 1990 Programme.

The reasons for this activity are the following:

Hospital services, which will remain at the centre of the treatment of HIV infection, which will have to develop new formulae of care and especially co-ordinate effectively with community-based services, which will have to bear the main burden of caring for seropositivity and Aids.

Quality and accessibility of services will depend on strategic decisions to be taken with a view to setting up an appropriate and integrated health care organisation.

The study should not necessarily propose common solutions for the various problems, it should instead make proposals for optimal European strategies in the light of progress made by member States, taking account of existing health care systems and their priorities.

The study should:

- provide suggestions to optimise the functions of hospitals, develop efficient out-patient care, and ensure co-ordination between the two sectors of care as well as with social services;

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- propose how to organise care for specific patient groups (adults, HIV-positive drug abusers, children, patients with mental disorders, etc.);
- put forward suggestions to monitor the quality of care.

It is expected that the Select Committee of experts will complete its study by the end of 1990 and submit it to the Committee of Ministers early in 1991."