Question for written answer P-015534/2015 to the Commission Rule 130

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Subject: Non-compliance of the 'Buona scuola' reform with Directive 1999/70/EC

In a note to the Committee on Petitions in January 2013, the Commission stated that: 'Directive 1999/70/EC ... requires Member States to have in place measures to prevent the abuse of successive fixed-term contracts ... or employment relationships.'

On 20 November 2013, the Commission decided to issue Italy with a reasoned opinion under infringement procedure No 2010/2124 regarding fixed-term employment in Italian schools, on the grounds that the Italian Government had taken insufficiently effective measures to combat abuses relating to successive fixed-term periods of employment in Italian state schools.

The Commission later indicated, in a note to the Committee on Petitions in July 2015, that in response to the infringement proceedings the Italian authorities had presented a reform of the school sector (the *'Buona Scuola'* reform) aimed at bringing Italian national legislation into line with Directive 1999/70/EC and adopting measures to prevent the types of abuse described above.

However, while Article 131 of the new law prohibits these abusive practices, it contains no specific clauses preventing the use of such practices. In other words, the law fails to comply with the Directive.

Does the Commission intend to open a fresh infringement procedure against Italy?

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