

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1846/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Transfer of EU officials' pension rights - 2 March 1978 agreement between the Commission and the INPS

On 2 March 1978 the Commission and the Italian state social-security body (INPS) concluded an agreement on the arrangements for the transfer to the Community pension scheme of the contributions paid into the Italian national insurance scheme by those newly recruited to the Commission. Under the agreement the individuals concerned had a period of six months from their date of establishment within which to submit an application for a transfer of such contributions.

Not all the officials concerned have taken advantage of this opportunity by submitting an appropriate application within the specified time limit, with the result that they are now unable to claim their pension rights for the periods during which they paid contributions prior to entering the service of the Community institutions.

Will the Commission say:

- whether, and under what terms and conditions, the time limits for the submission of applications for the transfer of pension rights are to be re-opened for the benefit of those who failed in the past to take the necessary action in order to regularise their situation;
- whether or not the 2 March 1978 Commission-INPS agreement also covers other Italian social-security bodies which administer other forms of compulsory insurance (ENPALS, INPGI, INPDAI, INPDAP); if it does not, do other, specific agreements exist for those bodies?