

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2121/02

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to the Commission

Subject: Kozloduj nuclear power plant

We refer to the view of the European Parliament as expressed in a motion for a resolution on the accession process, adopted in June 2002, concerning the open-minded approach that should be adopted in reaching agreement on the future of the two nuclear units 3 and 4 at Kozloduj in Bulgaria.

Given the substantial upgrading which has been done to the plants and which, according to the IAEA, address all the original safety concerns, and given the existence of an independent and professionally staffed nuclear regulator in Bulgaria, could the Commission explain the technical basis for demanding closure of these plants as a condition for Bulgarian accession to the EU?

If any uncertainty remains concerning this issue, would not the Commission consider it appropriate to ask WENRA to revisit the plants and offer a further independent opinion?