

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3993/03

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to the Commission

Subject: Review of the closure dates for the Kozloduy nuclear power plant units

Given that the agreement dated 29 November 1999 between the Council and the Bulgarian Government (brought about by the Commission) to close four units of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant as a condition of Bulgaria's accession to the EU was based on 10-year-old criteria, and given that, in 2002, the IAEA declared that these units 'now correspond to the level of improvements seen at plants of similar vintage elsewhere' and that we are awaiting the result of the Council's peer review of November 2003, will the Commission agree that a positive outcome of that review should lead to their advising the Bulgarian Government and the Council to review the closure agreement dates on the grounds that they no longer have a technical basis?.