

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0180/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of Directive 2000/78 in Greece

Article 18 of Directive 2000/78¹ on equal treatment in employment and occupation states that the Member States shall implement the Directive by 2 December 2003 at the latest except where 'In order to take account of particular conditions, Member States may, if necessary, have an additional period of 3 years from 2 December 2003, that is to say a total of 6 years, to implement the provisions of this Directive on age and disability discrimination.'

What does the Commission understand by 'particular conditions' and 'if necessary' in order to extend the deadline for implementing the Directive? Which Member States have requested an extension to the deadline for implementation? When are the Member States required to implement the other provisions of the Directive not pertaining to age and disability discrimination?

¹ OJ L 303, 2.12.2000, p. 16