WRITTEN QUESTION E-1324/04 by Marie-Thérèse Hermange (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of Directive 92/85/EEC on women who are pregnant, have recently given birth or are breastfeeding

In its resolution T5-0346/2000¹ on the Commission report on the implementation of Directive 92/85/EEC² relating to the health and safety of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding, the European Parliament asked the Commission to submit a proposal for revision of the directive, taking into account the numerous loopholes that have arisen since its implementation.

Could the Commission clarify the following:

- what measures have been taken since the publication of the follow-up document of 5 October 2000 in order to carry out a reexamination of the directive in question?
- how far has this directive been transposed in the new Member States? Have any transitional periods been planned for its implementation, and in which countries?

Does the Commission intend to present a proposed modification and/or a proposal supplementing this directive?

Finally, could the Commission give its appraisal of the transposition of this directive in the 15 Member States?

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¹ OJ C 121, 24.4.2001, p. 473.

² OJ L 348, 28.11.1992, p. 1.