

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2434/09
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to the Commission

Subject: World gender equality indicator

According to data contained in the World Economic Forums' report which calculates the world gender equality indicator in 130 countries in key sectors of the economy, education, politics and health, Greece's performance deteriorating every year. In 2008 Greece was ranked 75th – down from 72nd in 2007 and 69th in 2006 - lagging behind countries such as Uganda (43rd), Tanzania (38th), Mongolia (40th) and Sri Lanka (12th). It occupies 25th place in the European Union.

Since Greek women are ranked first in EU 27 as regards the unemployment indicator;

Since women continue to work part-time more frequently than men and largely outnumber men in the more poorly paid economic sectors;

Since Greek women are ranked 1st as regards their participation in secondary and tertiary education, with a high percentage of them achieving excellent results;

Will the Commission say whether it is aware of the steady worsening of the situation of working women in Greece and whether it intends to take decisive and immediate measures to encourage Greece to comply with its Community obligations?