

ORAL QUESTION H-0863/08
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of Directive 2002/73/EC

In March 2007, the Commission sent a letter of formal notice to the Danish Government regarding Denmark's implementation of Directive 2002/73/EC¹. Could the Commission say how the matter stands and when new developments can be expected?

According to the Danish government, KVINFO (the Centre for Information on Women and Gender), the *Institut for Menneskerettigheder* (Institute for Human Rights) and *Ligestillingsnævnet* (the Gender Equality Board) fulfil the requirements of the Directive that they should be independent bodies (cf. Article. 8a). Both KVINFO and the Institute for Human Rights have, however, refused to play the role requested by the Commission. What does the Commission have to say about this?

The Danish Gender Equality Board can only handle specific complaints. It cannot draw up letters of complaint or procedural documents for victims. It must reject all cases that cannot be settled on the basis of written submissions. Does this Board live up to the requirements of the Directive, such as the provision of assistance to victims?

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¹ OJ L 269, 5.10.2002, p. 15.