

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3696/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Balanced participation of women and men in the decision-making process

Council recommendation 96/694/EC¹ of 2 December 1996 calls on the Commission to submit to the Parliament (inter alia) a report on its implementation 'on the basis of the information provided by the Member States and the institutions, subsidiary bodies and decentralised bodies of the European Communities', for the first time three years after adoption of the recommendation and thereafter annually. Only the first of these reports has so far been transmitted to the European Parliament in 2000.

When is the Commission intending to transmit the annual reports which should have followed? Have the questionnaires been sent to the Member States (and those states and institutions concerned by the recommendation) in order to gather and assimilate information on progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendation? Why has the Commission not yet complied with its obligation under the Council recommendation?

¹ OJ L 319, 10.12.1996, p. 11.