

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0823/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Recognition of degrees and denial of employment

A Greek citizen obtained a degree in air traffic control in Scotland in 1981. His diploma was recognised by the Greek Education Ministry in 1983. Since that date, the Civil Aviation Authority has systematically refused to allow him to take part in competitions to appoint employees on the grounds that he does not fulfil the qualifications criteria, which call for diplomas with no connection with the field in question. It should be pointed out that air traffic control degrees are not awarded at any institution in Greece.

Could the Commission therefore say whether the Civil Aviation Authority's conduct is contrary to Community law? If so, what steps can this citizen take to ensure that he can freely practise his profession?