

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2980/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Fulfilling the safety standards laid down for the Temelin nuclear power plant in the Melk agreement (Follow-up to Written Question P-1775/06 by Eva Lichtenberger)

According to the final report of the Austrian experts on the implementation of the road map agreed between Austria and the Czech Republic in the Melk agreement, the Temelin nuclear power plant still has five safety faults that give cause for concern. They include the high-pressure power line on the 28.5 metre platform, the vapour-pressure safety valves and faults in the reactor pressure vessel. In connection with the last of these the report says, for example, that 'reduced safety margins' seem to have been taken as a basis for calculating the lifetime of the plant. The 'overall safety margin for the Temelin reactors cannot therefore be sufficient'. According to the bilateral experts' report, the safety deficiencies – contrary to your statements – have not been remedied, and it is impossible to understand on what basis you can speak of safety standards being met.

What is the factual basis for your statement that the Temelin nuclear power plant meets all safety criteria?

Why has the experts' report been ignored?

Why does the role of mediator taken upon itself by the Commission not imply any further responsibility on the part of the EU for ensuring that the Melk agreement and the Brussels agreement are honoured?