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Fifth Report

on the examination of Community secondary legislation

(Acts relating to social affairs)

(Commission communication to the Council)

1. In continuation of the systematic examination of Community secondary legislation undertaken with the Greek Delegation in accordance with the brief received from the Council, the Commission has examined all the general acts adopted by the institutions of the Communities in the field of social affairs which were in force on 1 February 1977.

This examination also covered the acts adopted by the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting in the Council.

In addition, the Greek Delegation has been informed of all the acts adopted in the field in question which do not form part of Community secondary legislation proper and are not legally binding on the Member States or their nationals (recommendations, resolutions, and other internal decisions or agreements), but are of interest for the development or guidance of joint action in this field. With these acts, there is of course no problem of adaptation.

This examination did not cover, however, certain acts which, although having a social aspect, have been or will be examined in conjunction with the acts relating to other fields. These include various regulations, directives or decisions of the Council or the Commission relating to transport¹, agriculture² or the environment³ (and which have been or will be mentioned in the reports dealing with those fields), as well as certain directives relating to the approximation of legislation or prescribing statistical surveys.

¹ Council Decision of 13 May 1965 (65/271/EEC) on the harmonization of certain provisions affecting competition in transport (OJ 88/65, 24.5.1965)
Council Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 of 25 March 1969 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport (OJ L 77, 29.3.1969) as amended by:

Regulation (EEC) No 514/72 of 28.2.1972 (OJ L 67, 20.3.1972)

Regulation (EEC) No 515/72 of 28.2.1972 (OJ L 67, 20.3.1972)

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport (OJ L 164, 27.7.1970) as amended by:

Regulation (EEC) No 1787/73 of 25.6.1973 (OJ L 181, 4.7.1973)

Commission Decision of 5 July 1965 (65/362/EEC) setting up a Joint Advisory Committee on Social Questions Arising in Road Transport (OJ 130/65, 16.7.1965)

Commission Decision of 24 April 1972 (72/172/EEC) setting up a Joint Advisory Committee on Social Questions Arising in the Railway Industry (OJ L 104, 3.5.1972).

2. The examination of the acts relating to the social affairs field, which was undertaken with the Greek Delegation during March, could not be completed with respect to the technical adaptations that will have to be made to the various regulations relating to social security for migrant workers.

In view of the complex and difficult nature of this subject, a more detailed examination is necessary. Furthermore, the Commission feels that it is appropriate to consult the Administrative Commission on Social Security for Migrant Workers on the proposed adaptations to ensure that amendments to the existing regulations do not affect their application in relations between the present Member States of the Community (this procedure was also followed when similar work was carried out in the context of the negotiations for the accession of the three new Member States).

When the above work has been completed, the Commission will present an additional report on the acts relating to social security for migrant workers.

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² Council Directive of 17 April 1972 (72/159/EEC) on the modernization of farms (OJ L 96, 23.4.1972)

Council Directive of 17 April 1972 (72/160/EEC) concerning measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement (OJ L 96, 23.4.1972)

Council Directive of 17 April 1972 (72/161/EEC) concerning the provision of socio-economic guidance for and the acquisition of occupational skills by persons engaged in agriculture (OJ L 96, 23,4,1972).

³ Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (OJ L 139, 30.5.1975)

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1417/76 of 1 June 1976 on the financial provisions applying to the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (OJ L 164, 24.6.1976).

3. Leaving aside the field of social security for migrant workers, the results of the examination of the acts relating to social affairs are set out in three annexes to this report:

Annex I lists the acts which do not require any technical adaptation; Annex II lists the acts in which technical adaptations are necessary and gives, as far as possible, the wording of those adaptations; Annex III lists the acts in respect of which the Greek Delegation has indicated that it reserves the right to request that their application be wholly or partially deferred within the transitional period.

4. The Commission considers that the following observations should be made:

(a) The acts not requiring any technical adaptation listed in Annex I include certain decisions adopted by the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting in the Council. Annex II also includes a decision of that type, in respect of which certain adaptations are necessary.

Apart from the question of the need for such adaptations, it should be pointed out that Greece's accession to the Communities must involve its acceding to those decisions and to all the other like agreements or decisions adopted in other fields. They can be acceded to by means of a general provision to be written into the Act of Accession similar to that to be found in Article 3(1) of the Act of Accession of 22 January 1972 for the three new Member States.

(b) The list in Annex I of acts not requiring any technical adaptation includes a number of regulations calling for statistical surveys, most of which will have been completed by the time of Greece's accession; given, however, that these surveys will be repeated at regular intervals (every three to six years) on the basis of similar new regulations, it has been deemed appropriate to keep those regulations in the inventory of acts examined.

- (c) The problem of the participation of Greek representatives arises with regard to the composition of various commissions and committees. The problem that arises differs according to whether they are:

- (i) committees or commissions the composition of which provides for an identical number of representatives of the Governments of the Member States alone or of representatives of the Governments and trade organizations of each of the Member States.

In these cases, it is necessary to review the total number of members of these committees and commissions in order to add a similar number of Greek representatives. The provisions in question must therefore be adapted; on the other hand no complete renewal of the members on such committees is necessary, since the new representatives of Greece will simply be added to the existing members from the time of accession. These cases are therefore included in the technical adaptations listed in Annex II.

- (ii) committees or commissions composed of representatives of employers' and workers' organizations appointed by the Council or the Commission on a proposal from the representative trade organizations at Community level.

In these cases, Greece's accession does not seem to justify an increase in the number of members of those committees, since this might prevent them from functioning efficiently. Greek nationals or representatives will participate to the extent proposed by the organizations in question (which it is assumed the main Greek employers' and workers' organizations will join). It is not therefore necessary to amend the provisions of the acts establishing such committees. It will, however, be necessary to renew their membership completely at the time of Greece's accession to permit Greek representatives to participate; accordingly, there must be a general provision of the Act for Greece's accession (similar to that in Article 148(2) of the Act of Accession for the three new Member States) stipulating the complete renewal of the following committees (along with other committees in other fields for which the same problem arises):

- (iii) the Standing Committee on Employment established by the Council Decision of 14 December 1970 (70/532/EEC), as amended by the Council Decision of 20 January 1975 (75/62/EEC);
- (iv) the Joint Committee on Social Problems in Sea Fishing established by the Commission Decision of 25 July (74/441/EEC).

(d) During the examination of the acts in question carried out in March, the Greek Delegation indicated that it reserved the right to request that the applicability or implementation in Greece of certain of those acts be wholly or partially deferred within the transitional period. At this stage the Commission has of course merely noted those reservations, which are listed for the record in Annex III.

It should however be pointed out that certain of these reservations were abandoned or conversely spelled out more clearly in the statement made by the Greek Delegation on 4 May at the fifth meeting of the Conference at deputy level, which dealt with social affairs (See CONF-GR 26/77 of 6 May 1977). Examination of the reservations in question must therefore take account of the position which the Greek Government after reflection felt it could adopt.

LIST OF COMMUNITY ACTS IN THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS FIELD¹
NOT REQUIRING TECHNICAL ADAPTATIONS

I. ACTS OF COMMUNITY SECONDARY LEGISLATION proper

Free movement of workers

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of 15 October 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community

(OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 2)

1.(a) Council Regulation (EEC) No 312/76 of 9 February 1976 amending the provisions relating to the trade unions rights of workers contained in Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community

(OJ L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 2)

2. Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1251/70 of 29 June 1970 on the right of workers to remain in the territory of a Member State after having been employed in that State

(OJ L 142, 30.6.1970, p. 24)

3. Council Directive of 25 February 1964 (64/221/EEC) on the coordination of special measures concerning the movement and residence of foreign nationals which are justified on grounds of public policy, public security or public health

(OJ 850, 4.4.1964, p. 56)

4. Council Directive of 18 May 1972 (72/194/EEC) extending to workers exercising the right to remain in the territory of a Member State after having been employed in that State. The scope of the Directive of 25 February 1964 on coordination of special measures concerning the movement and residence of foreign nationals which are justified on grounds of public policy, public security or public health

(OJ L 121, 26.5.1972, p. 32)

5. Council Directive of 21 May 1973 (73/148/EEC) on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence within the Community for nationals of Member States with regard to establishment and the provision of services

(OJ L 172, 28.6.1973, p. 14)

¹ Except those concerning social security for migrant workers.

6. Council Directive of 17 December 1974 (75/34/EEC) concerning the right of nationals of a Member State to remain in the territory of another Member State after having pursued therein an activity in a self-employed capacity

(OJ L 14, 20.1.1975, p. 10)

7. Council Directive of 17 December 1974 (75/35/EEC) extending the scope of Directive 64/221/EEC to include nationals of a Member State who exercise the right to remain in the territory of another Member State after having pursued therein an activity in a self-employed capacity

(OJ L 14, 20.1.1975, p. 14)

8. Council Decision of 15 October 1968 (68/359/EEC) applying Articles 48 and 49 of the Treaty to the French overseas departments

(OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 1)

9. Commission Decision of 8 December 1972 on the uniform system set up pursuant to Article 15 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community, known as the SEDOC System¹

(not published)

10. Commission Decision of 14 December 1972 on the "Community scheme" for the collection and dissemination of the information provided for in Article 14(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68

(not published)

European Social Fund

11. Council Decision of 8 November 1971 (71/364/EEC) applying Articles 123 to 127 of the Treaty to the French overseas departments

(OJ L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 73)

12. Council Decision of 1 February 1971 (71/66/EEC) on the reform of the European Social Fund

(OJ L 28, 4.2.1971, p. 15)

13. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund

(OJ L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 54)

¹With the proviso that the application of this decision may be deferred (see Annex III).

14. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71 of 8 November 1971 on aid which may qualify for assistance from the European Social Fund
(OJ L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 58)

amended by:

14.(a) Council Regulation (EEC) No 1761/74 of 27 June 1974 amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71 of 8 November 1971 on aid which may qualify for assistance from the European Social Fund
(OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 1)

15. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2398/71 of 8 November 1971 on assistance from the European Social Fund for persons who are to pursue activities in a self-employed capacity
(OJ L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 61)

16. Council Regulation (EEC) No 858/72 of 24 April 1972 on certain administrative and financial procedures for the operation of the European Social Fund
(OJ L 101, 28.4.1972, p. 3)

17. Financial Regulation of 24 April 1972 (72/165/EEC) on special conditions applicable to the European Social Fund
(OJ L 101, 28.4.1972, p. 34)

18. Council Decision of 19 December 1972 (72/428/EEC) on assistance from the European Social Fund for persons leaving agriculture to pursue non-agricultural activities
(OJ L 291, 28.12.1972, p. 158)

19. Council Decision of 9 February 1976 (76/206/EEC) on intervention by the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile and clothing industries
(OJ L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 39)

20. Council Decision of 22 July 1975 (75/459/EEC) on action by the European Social Fund for persons affected by employment difficulties
(OJ L 199, 30.7.1975, p. 36)

21. Council Decision of 27 June 1974 (74/328/EEC) on action by the European Social Fund for handicapped persons
(OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 22)

22. Council Decision of 27 June 1974 (74/327/EEC) on action by the European Social Fund for migrant workers

(OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 20)

23. Commission Decision of 28 November 1973 (73/434/EEC) on the submission of applications for assistance from the European Social Fund

(OJ L 355, 24.12.1973, p. 68)

Social policy measures

24. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2395/71 of 8 November 1971 on the organization of a survey on the structure and distribution of wages and salaries in industry¹

(OJ L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 52)

25. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3192/73 of 22 November 1973 on the organization of a survey on labour costs in wholesale and retail distribution, banking and insurance²

(OJ L 326, 27.11.1973, p. 1)

26. Council Regulation (EEC) No 178/74 of 21 January 1974 on the organization of a survey of earnings in wholesale and retail distribution, banking and insurance³

(OJ L 21, 25.1.1974, p. 2)

27. Council Regulation (EEC) No 328/75 of 10 February 1975 relating to the organization of a survey of labour costs in industry²

(OJ L 37, 12.2.1975, p. 1)

¹This regulation ordered a survey to be carried out on the structure and distribution of wages and salaries in 1972 (in industry); as from 1978 it will be repeated every six years.

²These regulations ordered the organization of surveys on labour costs covering data relating to 1974 (services) and 1975 (industry); they will be repeated as from 1979, when 1978 data will be covered, at three-year intervals.

³This regulation ordered the organization of a survey on the structure and distribution of wages and salaries in 1974 (services); as from 1980 it will be repeated every six years.

28. Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 of 9 February 1976 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers

(OJ L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 1)

29. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/76 of 30 April 1976 relating to the organization of a survey on the earnings of permanent workers employed in agriculture

(OJ L 118, 5.5.1976, p. 3)

30. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1416/76 of 1 June 1976 on the financial provisions applying to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

(OJ L 164, 24.6.1976, p. 1)

31. Council Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 1859/76 of 29 June 1976 laying down the Conditions of Employment of Staff of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

(OJ L 214, 6.8.1976, p. 1)

32. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2877/76 of 23 November 1976 on the organization of a sample survey of manpower¹

(OJ L 331, 30.11.1976, p. 1)

33. Council Directives of 2 February 1959 laying down the basic standards for the protection of the health of workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionizing radiations

(OJ 11, 20.2.1959, p. 221)

33.(a) Council Directive of 5 March 1962 amending Annexes 1 and 3 to the Directives laying down the basic standards for health protection

(OJ 57, 9.7.1962, p. 1633)

33.(b) Council Directive of 27 October 1966 (66/45/Euratom) amending the Directives laying down the basic standards for the protection of the health of workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionizing radiations

(OJ 216, 26.11.1966, p. 3693)

¹This regulation ordered the organization of a sample survey of manpower in 1977, a survey that, in principle, will be repeated every two years.

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34. Council Directive of 1 June 1976 (76/579/Euratom) laying down the revised basic safety standards for the health protection of the general public and workers against the dangers of ionizing radiation
(OJ L 187, 12.7.1976, p. 1)
35. Council Decision of 2 April 1963 (63/266/EEC) laying down general principles for implementing a common vocational training policy
(OJ 63, 20.4.1963, p. 1338)
36. Council Directive of 22 November 1973 (73/403/EEC) on the synchronization of general population censuses
(OJ L 347, 17.12.1973, p. 50)
37. Council Decision of 22 July 1975 (75/458/EEC) concerning a programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty
(OJ L 199, 30.7.1975, p. 34)
38. Council Directive of 17 February 1975 (75/129/EEC) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies¹
(OJ L 48, 22.2.1975, p. 29)
39. Council Directive of 10 February 1975 (75/117/EEC) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the application of the principle of equal pay for men and women
(OJ L 45, 19.2.1975, p. 19)
40. Council Directive of 9 February 1976 (76/207/EEC) on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions
(OJ L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 40)

Bodies established

41. Regulation No 15 on the initial measures for the establishment of freedom of movement for workers within the Community - establishing the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers
(OJ L 57, 26.8.1961, p. 1073)

¹With the proviso that the application of this Directive may be deferred (see Annex III).

amended by:

41(a) Council Regulation (EEC) No 38/64 of 25 March 1964 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community (Articles 39 to 46).

(OJ 965, 17.4.1964, p. 62)

41(b) Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of 15 October 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community (Articles 24 to 31).

(OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 2)

42. Council Decision of 14 December 1970 (70/532/EEC) setting up the Standing Committee on Employment in the European Communities¹.

(OJ L 273, 17.2.1970, p. 25)

42(a) Council Decision of 20 January 1975 (75/62/EEC) amending Decision 70/532/EEC of 14 December 1970 setting up the Standing Committee on Employment in the European Communities

(OJ L 21, 28.1.1975, p. 17)

43. Council Decision of 27 June 1974 (74/326/EEC) on the extension of the responsibilities of the Mines Safety and Health Commission to all mineral-extracting industries.

(OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 18)

44. Commission Decision of 28 November 1967 (67/745/EEC) setting up a Joint Advisory Committee on Social Questions arising in Inland Navigation.

(OJ L 297, 7.12.1967, p. 13)

45. Commission Decision of 25 July 1974 (74/441/EEC) relating to the setting-up of a Joint Committee on Social Problems in Sea Fishing¹.

(OJ L 243, 5.9.1974, p. 19)

46. Commission Decision of 25 July 1974 (74/442/EEC) relating to the setting-up of a Joint Committee on Social Problems of Agricultural Workers.

(OJ L 243, 5.9.1974, p. 22)

47. Commission Decision of 24 November 1975 (75/782/ECSC) relating to the Mixed Committee on the Harmonization of working Conditions in the Coal Industry.

(OJ L 329, 23.12.1975, p. 35)

¹With the proviso that the Committee may be completely renewed on accession.

II. ACTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES
MEETING IN THE COUNCIL

1. Declaration of 25.3.1964 by the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the EEC, meeting in the Council (64/305/EEC), regarding refugees.

(OJ 78, 22.5.1964, p. 1225)

2. First Joint Programme of 8 May 1964 of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the EEC, meeting in the Council (64/307/EEC) to promote the exchange of young workers within the Community.

(OJ 78, 22.5.1964, p. 1226)

3. Decision of 9 and 10 May 1957 by the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting in the special Council of Ministers, and of the High Authority setting up the Mines Safety and Health Commission.

(Doc. 350/57 rev. p. 3)

COMMUNITY ACTS IN THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS FIELD¹
REQUIRING TECHNICAL ADAPTATIONS
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I. ACTS OF COMMUNITY SECONDARY LEGISLATION proper

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
(OJ L 39, 13.2.1975, p. 1)

In Article 4(1), the figure "30" should be replaced by "33".

In points (a), (b) and (c) of the same paragraph, the word "nine" should be replaced by "ten".

2. Council Directive of 15 October 1968 (68/360/EEC) on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence within the Community for workers of Member States and their families
(OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 13)

In the Annex to this directive [text of the statement referred to in Article 4(2)], "Greek" nationality should be added to the footnote.

3. Council Decision of 25 August 1960 on the Rules of the Committee of the European Social Fund
(OJ 1201, 31.8.1960, p. 56)

amended by:

3(a) Council Decision of 9 April 1968 (68/188/EEC) amending the Rules of the Committee of the European Social Fund
(OJ L 91, 12.4.1968, p. 25)

In Article 2, the word "fifty-four", which replaces "sixty" in accordance with the annex to the Council Decision of 1 January 1973, should be replaced by "sixty".

In Article 4, the word "nine", which replaces "ten" in accordance with the annex to the Council Decision of 1 January 1973, should be replaced by "ten".

¹ Except those concerning social security for migrant workers.

4. Council Decision of 18 December 1963 (63/688/EEC) on the Rules of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training

(OJ 3090, 30.12.1963, p. 190)

amended by:

4(a) Council Decision of 9 April 1968 amending the Rules of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training

(OJ L 91, 12.4.1968, p. 26)

In the first Article, the figure "54", which replaces "60" in accordance with the annex to the Council Decision of 1 January 1973, should be replaced by "60".

5. Council Decision of 27 June 1974 (74/325/EEC) on the setting up of an Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at work

(OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 15)

In Article 4(1), the figure "54" should be replaced by "60".

6. Rules of Procedures of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

(adopted by the Council of the European Communities on 9 December 1976)

(not published)

In Article 9(1) the word "nine" should be replaced by "ten".

ANNEX II

II. ACTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE MEMBER STATES MEETING IN THE COUNCIL

1. Decision of 9 July 1957 of the Representatives of the Governments of
the Member States, meeting within the Special Council of Ministers, concerning
the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Mines Safety Commission

(OJ 28, 31.8.1957, p. 487)

Amended by:

1(a) Decision of 11 March 1965 of the Representatives of the Governments
of the Member States, meeting within the Special Council of Ministers, amending
the Decision of 9 July 1957 concerning the terms of reference and rules of
procedure of the Mines Safety Commission

(OJ 46, 22.3.1965, p. 698)

The following amendments should be made:

Article 3, first paragraph: the figure "36", which replaces the figure "40"
in accordance with the Annex to the Council Decision of 1 January 1973, should
be replaced by "40";

Article 13, third paragraph: the word "six", which replaces the word "seven"
in accordance with the Annex to the Council Decision of 1 January 1973,
should be replaced by "seven";

Article 18, first paragraph: the word "twenty-four", which replaces the
word "twenty-six" in accordance with the Annex to the Council Decision of
of 1 January 1973, should be replaced by "twenty-seven";

Article 18, second paragraph: the word "nineteen", which replaces the word
"twenty-one" in accordance with the Annex to the Council Decision of
1 January 1973, should be replaced by "twenty-one".

COMMUNITY ACTS IN THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS FIELD¹ IN RESPECT
OF WHICH THE GREEK DELEGATION HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO
REQUEST THAT THEIR APPLICATION IN GREECE BE WHOLLY OR
PARTIALLY DEFERRED

Free movement of workers

When the Greek Delegation examined the secondary legislation relating to this field, it expressed reservations pending instructions as to the possible need to allow a deferment period, within the framework of the transitional period, for the application or the implementation of the following acts:

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of 15 October 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community

(OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 2)

The application of this regulation necessitates amendments to present Greek legislation, which might raise difficulties as regards:

the merchant navy: national legislation contains restrictions relating to crews (limited percentage of foreigners, seaman's certificate reserved for nationals of the country, etc. . . .) which are incompatible with the provisions of Regulation 1612/68;

the granting of Greek nationality: the Greek delegation will transmit the current national legislation to the Commission (it has been pointed out in this context that the Cypriots are treated in the same way as other foreigners);

the acquisition of property in the "frontier zones: current national provisions impose limits on the acquisition of such property by foreigners which are incompatible with Article 9 of Regulation No 1612/68.

2. Council Directive of 15 October 1968 (68/360/EEC) on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence within the Community for workers of Member States and their families

(OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 13)

The obligation for each resident, whatever his nationality, to prove that he has paid any taxes owed before being able to leave Greek territory is not in accordance with Article 2 of Directive 68/360, by virtue of which the right to leave the country is recognized by all the Member States and is exercised by presenting an identity card or a valid passport.

¹ Except those concerning social security for migrant workers.

ANNEX III

3. Commission Decision of 8 December 1972 on the uniform system set up pursuant to Article 15 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community, referred to as the SEDOC system
(not published)

According to the Greek Delegation, the introduction of the SEDOC system raises technical difficulties and for this reason Greece will require a certain period of time to implement the SEDOC system.

In a statement made on 4 May 1977, at the fifth session of the Conference at Deputy Level (CONF-GR 26/77), the Greek Delegation pointed out that it would be able to apply immediately and in full the rules concerning the free movement of workers, notably Regulation No 1612/68. It therefore seems that the Greek Government has, after considering the matter, abandoned reservations referred to above.

Social policy measures

4. Council Directive of 17 February 1975 (75/129/EEC) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies
(OJ L 48, 22.2.1975, p. 29)

The Greek Delegation reserved its position on the period of time needed to adapt national legislation to the requirements of this directive. In its statement of 4 May 1977 (CONF-GR 26/77) it specified that a two-year transitional period would be necessary because of the specific measures that would have to be taken in order to restructure the institutional framework within which the appropriate consultations between employers and workers would take place.

At present, Greek legislation on collective redundancies affects only establishments employing at least 50 workers; under Directive 75/129/EEC it would have to include establishments employing 20 to 49 workers.