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<p>Comments regarding the Correct Implementation of Article 116(2) of the Constitution in the Case of Women's Admission to Police and Fire Brigade Academies</p>

The Commission issued a special report on the above issue calling upon the Ministry of Public Order, in charge of Police and Fire Brigade, to abide by the new provisions of the Greek Constitution on affirmative action in favour of women, the relevant case law of the Conseil d'Etat and EC legislation. The Commission stressed that according to the new article 116 par. 2 of the Greek Constitution (2001) any kind of gender-based exclusion or restriction, including restrictive quotas against women, is to be considered as null and void. The competent Minister of Public Order in December 2002 put forward a Bill providing for the elimination of restrictive quotas against police women candidates.

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