

Council Directive 2004/113/EC of 13 December 2004
implementing the principle of equal treatment between men
and women in the access to and supply of goods and services

CHAPTER III

BODIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL TREATMENT

Article 12

1 Member States shall designate and make the necessary arrangements for a body or bodies for the promotion, analysis, monitoring and support of equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on the grounds of sex. These bodies may form part of agencies charged at national level with the defence of human rights or the safeguard of individuals' rights, or the implementation of the principle of equal treatment.

2 Member States shall ensure that the competencies of the bodies referred to in paragraph 1 include:

- a without prejudice to the rights of victims and of associations, organisations or other legal entities referred to in Article 8(3), providing independent assistance to victims of discrimination in pursuing their complaints about discrimination;
- b conducting independent surveys concerning discrimination;
- c publishing independent reports and making recommendations on any issue relating to such discrimination.