EUROPEAN COMMISSION



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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures facilitating the exercise of rights conferred on workers in the context of freedom of movement for workers {COM(2013) 236 final}.

The Commission notes with satisfaction the Senát's support for this initiative.

The Commission would like to underline that the aim of this proposal is to improve the way in which Article 45 TFEU and Regulation 492/2011 on the free movement of workers are applied and enforced in a national context. Central to the proposal is the requirement for Member States to ensure the existence of a structure or body at national level – a "free movement of workers body" - to advise and assist migrant workers with their rights. This body will have a key role in raising awareness and providing information to migrant workers on their rights.

As the Senát recognises in its Opinion, this proposal is but one element of a package of EU measures designed to improve the functioning and resilience of EU labour markets.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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