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Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to send you herewith the BUSINESSEUROPE position paper on the Commission's proposal to revise the Posting of Workers Directive of 8 March 2016. This position provides our comprehensive assessment of the proposals made. It explains in depth our concerns about:

- The aspects of the proposal undermining the competitive position of foreign service providers, and more generally the services single market, i.e. disproportional rules on remuneration, longer postings, and subcontracting;
- The fact that the proposed revised Directive, if adopted, would make posting of workers more difficult for companies, in particular SMEs, through increased costs, more complex requirements and uncertainty.

As we indicated consistently before the Commission made its proposal, the business community is against an approach which wrongly assumes that the existing EU legislation no longer provides for an appropriate level playing field.

Yours sincerely,



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