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MEP, EPP rapporteur
European Parliament
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Dear Mr. Iacolino,

I am writing to you to outline the importance that BUSINESSEUROPE places upon a swift and appropriate conclusion to the dialogues on the proposed directive on Intra-Corporate Transferees (ICT).

The EU is operating in a global environment and as business becomes increasingly global, companies need to be able to transfer key personnel from one entity to another.

A key component in ensuring Europe's attractiveness for multinational companies' investments is therefore to facilitate such transfers. This is crucial not only for the EU to be an attractive option in location decisions but also for European companies to stay competitive.

The ICT directive will play an important role in providing companies with skilled workers for a pre-determined period of time. At the same time it will put in place a framework that reduces the lengthy and costly admission procedures that businesses currently face and which are difficult to manage due to their complexity.

Furthermore, it is vital that family members of ICTs are also granted swift labour market access. ICTs and their family members should also have the possibility to be mobile within the EU during their stay. In this regard, BUSINESSEUROPE does not see the need for measures that would restrict intra-EU mobility, such as national quotas.

BUSINESSEUROPE also re-iterates its view that basic socio-economic rights should be granted to ICTs on an equal footing with those of posted workers.

The ICT directive can help to strengthen the competitive advantage of European companies and contribute to economic growth in Europe. Therefore, BUSINESSEUROPE calls on the Council and Parliament to reach an agreement on this directive during the Lithuanian Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

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