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Dear Minister, *Dear Mr. Petkov,*

On 15 March, the EPSCO Council will discuss the outcome of the last triilogue meeting on posting of workers that was held on 28 February.

I am writing you to reiterate our opposition to the proposed limit of the length of postings to 12 months, with the possibility to extend it to 18 months on the basis of motivated notification from companies.

The deal reached does not correspond to the needs of companies operating in the Single Market and is driven by political symbolism. Long-term mobility is a relatively common practice in sectors such as manufacturing or business services where concerns regarding fraud are virtually non-existent. The solution proposed will harm these high value-added activities and undermine the functioning of the Single Market for services.

Therefore, we really hope that the Council will allow for postings of up to 24 months, with the possibility for an extension consistent with the applicable rules on social security coordination.

We thank you in advance for taking our views into account.

Yours sincerely,



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