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Joint position by the European social partners of the Agriculture, Cleaning, Construction, Horeca and Security services sectors regarding the proposal for a decision on establishing a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

In general terms, the signatories of this letter have a strong interest in all European legislation that affects employment, competitiveness and working conditions and in particular in the fight against illegal employment, bogus self-employment and other forms of undeclared work. We therefore highly welcome the intention to establish an EU Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work, as the proposal of the Commission explicitly indicates our sectors as having a high incidence of undeclared work.

The proposal of the Commission also clearly states that the involvement of European sectorial social partners with a high incidence of undeclared work within the planned platform must be ensured. However, no indication is given regarding the procedure for selecting the concerned sectors nor about their role in the Platform.

Whilst the identification of European social partners at cross-industry level is easy to carry out, as there are three on the employers' side (BusinessEurope, CEEP, UEAPME) and one on the trade union side (ETUC), this individuation is much more difficult at sectorial level.

We therefore jointly ask the Members of the European Parliament to ensure that at least our sectors (Agriculture, Cleaning, Construction, Horeca and Security services) be actively involved in the activities of the future Platform.

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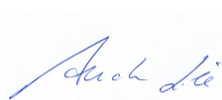
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