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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on the overhaul of the Posted Workers Directive

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the overhaul of the Posted Workers Directive

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission is proposing an overhaul of the 1996 Posted Workers Directive;
- B. whereas the proposed two-year limit on the period of posting (taking account of the period for which replacement workers are posted, if the duration of their assignment exceeds six months) will be impossible to apply, in particular in the road transport sector, given that drivers do not stay in one place for 24 months, or even for six months;
- C. whereas the scope of the directive has been broadened, because the list of sectors covered has been done away with;
- D. whereas the reference to the minimum wage has been replaced by the phrase 'remuneration necessary to protect posted workers', an extremely vague concept and one which must not 'disproportionately restrict freedom of movement between Member States';
- E. whereas the overhaul would do nothing to address the problem of social dumping resulting from the posting of workers who do not pay into the welfare system of the host country, given that local workers in France have to pay employees' and employers' contributions which represent 20% of a wage which is already only marginally above the statutory minimum;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to do away with the arrangements for the posting of workers.

