

**Question for written answer E-002060/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Helga Stevens (ECR)**

Subject: Postponement of the revision of the regulation on social security systems (Regulation (EC) No 883/2004)

A proposal has been made for a targeted revision of the Posted Workers Directive (Directive 96/71/EC). The revision will not affect the EU rules on social security laid down in the coordinating regulation, Regulation (EC) No 883/2004, however. Under that regulation, posted workers can pay social security contributions in their country of origin for the first two years, which makes it difficult to create a level playing field.

1. Does the Commission think that the two-year period in question should be retained?
2. If so, is this purely for administrative reasons?
3. What other measures is the Commission considering in this area to make the European job market fairer?