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to the Commission**

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Subject: The single market and collective bargaining

Some EU Member States have developed the best social welfare systems in the world but adjusting them to meet the demands of the current economic climate looks like posing a problem. The crisis, coupled with the policy guidelines set by the EU, are severely cramping Member States' room for manoeuvre in the field of social policy, and the public is rightly concerned that the protection afforded by their national welfare systems is declining markedly.

The Union is seeking to impose a global and centralising vision of social reforms, as if a single social model could be foisted on all the Member States by consolidating the European Pillar of Social Rights. In trying to achieve this, the Commission persists in wanting to concentrate negotiating powers at a supranational level, notably when it comes to the social partners.

Is the Commission not concerned at the risk that such a concentration of European trade union negotiating powers will be detrimental to national collective bargaining?