Question for written answer E-000315/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Dominique Martin (ENF)

Subject: The risks associated with the European Pillar of Social Rights

A European Pillar of Social Rights is under consideration. The aim of the ongoing discussions is to create a roadmap that will set out the key stages in its implementation. The objective is to raise social standards for every EU citizen by establishing a form of social governance.

Despite these worthy aims, there could be negative consequences. Enhancing social standards runs the risk of making access to permanent employment contracts more difficult and reducing job security. The system would consequently fuel the current trend towards a two-tier labour market.

Why would developing the existing Community Charter of Fundamental Social Rights be an inadequate way of guaranteeing minimum social rights for every EU citizen?

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