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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on new opportunities for small transport businesses, including collaborative
business models
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas technological advances, new business models and digitalisation have transformed the transport sector significantly in recent years, with major impacts on working conditions and employment in the sector;
 - 1. Stresses the need for a regulatory environment that encourages investment and access to financing, and fosters sustainable growth and quality jobs within small transport businesses;
 - 2. Notes the opportunities of the collaborative economy and the Digital Single Market for job creation and more inclusive growth within small transport businesses; stresses, however, that the collaborative economy must not lead to an avoidance of tax and social contributions, nor to non-compliance with employment and social legislation;
 - 3. Encourages the social partners to negotiate collective agreements for all transport services in line with national laws and practices;
 - 4. Is concerned about the rise of precarious employment, bogus self-employment, undeclared work and social dumping; calls on the Member States to guarantee fair competition and ensure decent working conditions and the highest possible level of social protection for all workers;
 - 5. Is concerned about the misuse of subcontracting in the transport sector to circumvent working and employment standards; calls on the Commission and the Member States to introduce and strengthen laws on joint and several liability;
 - 6. Welcomes the development of new working time models that enable workers to improve their work-life balance; stresses, however, the importance of monitoring compliance with mandatory driving and resting times as well as working hours;
 - 7. Highlights the importance of 21st century skills and calls on the social partners and on education and training institutions to develop related skills strategies for small transport businesses.