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Subject: Violation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in Greece, concerning labour relations

While negotiations between the Greek Government and the EU institutions (on the second review of the Greek Programme) for the future of labour relations are underway, claims have been made by creditors demanding further liberalisation of the already deregulated labour market in Greece.

At the same time, political groups and Members of the European Parliament, as well as the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), have made many statements opposing such demands and calling on the EU institutions to respect labour legislation, so that Greece will not be an exception regarding the application of EU law.

Moreover, the latter also call for the restoration of collective bargaining procedures, given that their elimination, as well as any further deregulation of the labour relations in Greece, will – in clear violation of the spirit of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Social Charter – mean the revocation of workers' right to negotiate and conclude collective agreements.

What is the position of the Commission, and what action will it take during the negotiations between Greece and its creditors, to ensure that the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Social Charter are respected?

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