

**Question for written answer P-015652/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: FedEx's acquisition of TNT

FedEx's acquisition of the TNT group is threatening the survival of the airline Pan Air (part of the TNT group). FedEx is to sell off Pan Air, removing all links with the group and its activity. FedEx currently uses planes registered in the US and operated by American crews on recurrent assignment to Germany, in violation of Article 17a of the EU-US agreement on air services.

That article stipulates that the opportunities included in the agreement, which would allow FedEx to absorb and exploit Pan Air's business, must not lead to any deterioration in employment rights and principles on either side. Absorbing Pan Air's business without maintaining its employees' rights would breach the directive on the transfer of undertakings. Replacing European jobs with non-Community workers regularly assigned to Germany and other non-European posted workers would represent a violation of the principle of Community preference and the directive on the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services.

Can the Commission convene an urgent meeting of the EU-US Joint Committee to address this situation and guarantee that European employment rights and principles are respected in the case of FedEx's absorption of the TNT group?

What other steps will the Commission take to protect European jobs?