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HEARING

LEGAL MIGRATION AFTER LISBON: SEASONAL WORKERS AND INTRA-CORPORATE TRANSFEREES

Wednesday 20 April 2011, 09.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 17.00

Brussels

Room PHS 1 A 002

INTRODUCTION

In the Commission "Policy Plan on Legal Migration"¹ of December 2005, the need to develop EU common rules on labour immigration was highlighted and a package of legislative proposals was suggested, which would consist of a general framework directive and four specific directives, on the conditions of entry and residence of high-skilled workers, seasonal workers, intra-corporate transferees and remunerated trainees.

The proposals for a general framework directive and for a directive on high-skilled workers were adopted by the Commission in October 2007. The latter ("the Blue Card") was adopted in May 2009² and the European Parliament adopted its first reading position on the former ("the single permit") on 24 March 2011³.

Two other proposals mentioned in the Policy Plan on Legal Migration, on seasonal workers⁴ and intra-corporate transferees⁵, were adopted by the Commission in July 2010 as the first proposals on legal migration published after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. Those two proposals differ greatly in their focus: while the proposal on intra-corporate transfers aims at facilitating temporary migration of high-skilled professionals, the proposal on seasonal workers aims to create common criteria and procedures for lower skilled migration.

The public hearing organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs aims to give an opportunity to the rapporteurs and the Members of the Committee to discuss the two proposals, on the basis of the working documents of the rapporteurs, with all stakeholders: the Commission and the Council, but also international organisations, social partners, representatives of industries and NGOs, in the light of the new powers given to the Parliament in the area of legal migration by the Lisbon Treaty.

The Lisbon Treaty significantly changed the decision-making procedure for adopting EU policies on legal migration and the European Parliament is now associated under the ordinary legislative procedure.

Article 79 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union lays down that "*The Union shall develop a common immigration policy aimed at ensuring, at all stages, the efficient management of migration flows, fair treatment of third-country nationals residing legally in Member States, and the prevention of, and enhanced measures to combat, illegal immigration*

¹ COM(2005)669.

² Council Directive 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment.

³ European Parliament legislative resolution of 24 March 2011 on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State.

⁴ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment, COM(2010)379.

⁵ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer, COM(2010)378.

and trafficking in human beings" and that "the European Parliament and the Council, acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, shall adopt measures in the following areas: (a) the conditions of entry and residence, and standards on the issue by Member States of long-term visas and residence permits, including those for the purpose of family reunification; (b) the definition of the rights of third-country nationals residing legally in a Member State, including the conditions governing freedom of movement and of residence in other Member States (...)".

This procedure reinforces the role of the European Parliament in the definition of the EU policy on legal migration and more specifically in the two procedures currently under discussion.

9.00 - 12.30 - FIRST PART SEASONAL WORKERS

9.00 - 10.15 SESSION I PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING DOCUMENT

- 9.00 - 9.05** Welcome by the Chair, **Mr Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- 9.05 - 9.15** **Mr. Claude MORAES**, Rapporteur on seasonal workers, LIBE committee
- 9.15 - 9.20** **Mrs. Marta CYGAN**, Director for Immigration and Asylum, DG Home Affairs, European Commission
- 9.20 - 9.25** **Mrs. Vivien VADASI**, JHA Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU
- 9.25 - 9.30** **Mr. Sergio COFFERATI**, Rapporteur, EMPL committee
- 9.30 - 9.35** **Mrs. Antigoni PAPADOPOULOU**, Rapporteur, FEMM committee

Discussion

10.15 - 11.15 SESSION II SOCIAL PARTNERS

- 10.15 - 10.20** **Mr. Joël DECAILLON**, ETUC Deputy Secretary General
- 10.20 - 10.25** **Mr. Sverker RUDEBERG**, Chairperson of the Working Group on Immigration and Free movement of workers, BusinessEurope
- 10.25 - 10.30** **Mrs. Giuliana MESINA**, Head of Department on migration policies, FILCAMS CGIL (Italian Federation of workers in commerce, tourism and services)
- 10.25 - 10.30** **Mrs. Helen HOFFMANN**, Adviser for Social Affairs, UEAPME (European employers' organisation for crafts, trades and SMEs)

Discussion

11.15 - 12.15 SESSION III
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

11.15 - 11.20 Mr. Bernd HEMINGWAY, Regional Representative of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

11.20 - 11.25 Mr. Conny REUTER, Secretary General of SOLIDAR

11.25 - 11.30 Mrs. Michele LEVOY, Director of PICUM (Platform for international cooperation on undocumented migrants)

Discussion

12.15 - 12.30 CONCLUSIONS

Mr. Claude MORAES, Rapporteur on seasonal workers, LIBE committee

**14.00 - 17.00 - SECOND PART
INTRA-CORPORATE TRANSFEREES (ICTs)**

14.00 - 15.00 SESSION I
PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING DOCUMENT

14.00 - 14.10 Mr. Salvatore IACOLINO, Rapporteur on intra-corporate transfers, LIBE committee

14.10 - 14.15 Mr. Stefano MANSERVISI, Director General for DG Home Affairs, European Commission

14.15 - 14.20 Mrs. Vivien VADASI, JHA Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

14.20 - 14.25 Mrs. Liisa JAAKONSAARI, Rapporteur, EMPL committee

Discussion

15.00 - 16.00 SESSION II
SOCIAL PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

15.00 - 15.05 Mrs. Wiebke WARNECK, ETUC Legal Expert

15.05 - 15.10. Mr. Sverker RUDEBERG, Chairperson of the Working Group on Immigration and Free movement of workers, BusinessEurope

15.10 - 15.15 Mr. Michel PATARD, Vice President of EUROCADRES

15.15 - 15.20 Mrs. Kathleen VAN DER WILK, Member of the Board of the Permits Foundation

Discussion

16.00 - 16.45 SESSION III
PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

16.00 - 16.05 Mr. Karl COX, EU Co-Chair of the Skilled Workforce Group, European-American Business Council (EABC)

16.05 - 16.10 Mr. Ameet NIVSARKAR, Vice President of NASSCOM

Discussion

16.45 - 17.00 CONCLUSIONS

Mr. Salvatore IACOLINO, Rapporteur on intra-corporate transfers, LIBE committee

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