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# INTERIM REPORT

on the proposal for a Council decision on a Tripartite Social Summit for  
Growth and Employment  
(COM(2013)0740 – 2013/0361(APP))

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Csaba Óry

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## MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

### on the proposal for a Council decision on a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment (COM(2013)0740 – 2013/0361(APP))

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2013)0740),
- having regard to Rule 81(3) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A7-0136/2014),

1. Requests the Council to take into account the following modifications:

The proposal for a Council decision should be modified as follows:

#### **Modification 1**

##### **Proposal for a Council decision**

##### **Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) In its conclusions of 28 June 2013, the European Council noted that the social dimension of the EMU should be strengthened and highlighted in this context the key role of the social partners and social dialogue. Accordingly, the Commission in its Communication (COM(2013)690) of 2 October 2013 on the social dimension of the EMU, addressed the issue of promoting social dialogue at national and EU levels and announced a proposal to revise the 2003 Council Decision.

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#### **Modification 2**

##### **Proposal for a Council decision**

## Recital 9 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Modification*

***(9a) In the Declaration by the European Social Partners on Social Partner Involvement in European Economic Governance adopted on 24 October 2013, the EU social partners confirmed their support for the Tripartite Social Summit for growth and employment and called for a coherent process of consultation of the social partners in the context of the European Semester.***

## Modification 3

### Proposal for a Council decision

#### Article 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Modification*

The task of the Tripartite Summit for Growth and Employment shall be to ensure, in compliance with the Treaty and with due regard for the powers of the institutions and bodies of the Union, that there is a continuous concertation between the Council, the Commission and the social partners. It will enable the social partners at European level to contribute, in the context of their social dialogue, to the various components of the Union's strategy for growth and jobs. For that purpose, it shall draw on the upstream work of and discussions between the Council, the Commission and the social partners in the different concertation forums on economic, social and employment matters.

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## Modification 4

### Proposal for a Council decision

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The Summit shall consist of the President of the European Council, the Council Presidency and the two subsequent presidencies, the Commission and the social partners, represented at the highest level. The ministers from those three presidencies and the Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs shall also be present. Depending on the agenda, other ministers from these three presidencies *and* other Commissioners may also be invited to take part.

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**Modification 5**

**Proposal for a Council decision  
Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Each delegation shall consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and small and medium-sized businesses at European level.

*Modification*

Each delegation shall consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and *micro*, small and medium-sized businesses at European level.

**Modification 6**

**Proposal for a Council decision  
Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Technical coordination shall be provided for the workers' delegation by the European Trade Union Confederation

*Modification*

Technical coordination shall be provided for the workers' delegation by the European Trade Union Confederation

(ETUC) and for the employers' delegation by the Confederation of European Business (BUSINESSEUROPE). The ETUC and BUSINESSEUROPE shall ensure that the views expressed by the specific and sectoral organisations are fully taken into account in their contributions and shall, where appropriate, include representatives from some of those organisations in their delegations.

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## Modification 7

### Proposal for a Council decision Article 3 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The agenda for the Summit shall be determined jointly by the Council, the Commission and the workers' and employers' cross-industry organisations taking part in the work of the Summit. To this end, preparatory meetings take place between the services of the Council, the Commission and with ETUC and BUSINESSEUROPE.

*Modification*

1. The agenda for the Summit shall be determined jointly *by, and based on the equal partnership between,* the Council, the Commission and the workers' and employers' cross-industry organisations taking part in the work of the Summit. To this end, preparatory meetings take place between the services of the Council, the Commission and with ETUC and BUSINESSEUROPE.

## Modification 8

### Proposal for a Council decision Article 3 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The matters on the agenda shall be discussed by the Council meeting in its Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs configuration.

*Modification*

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## Modification 9

### Proposal for a Council decision Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The Summit shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council.

*Modification*

1. The Summit shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council, **and the outcome of the Summit shall be presented to the following European Council for decision-making.**

## Modification 10

### Proposal for a Council decision Article 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The joint chairmen shall draw up a summary of the Summit's discussions in order to inform the relevant Council configurations and the general public.

*Modification*

The joint chairmen shall draw up a summary of the Summit's discussions in order to inform the relevant Council configurations, **the European Parliament** and the general public.

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	13.2.2014
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 32 -: 3 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Regina Bastos, Heinz K. Becker, Phil Bennion, Pervenche Berès, Philippe Boulland, Alejandro Cercas, Ole Christensen, Derek Roland Clark, Minodora Cliveti, Andrea Cozzolino, Frédéric Daerden, Karima Delli, Sari Essayah, Richard Falbr, Nadja Hirsch, Stephen Hughes, Danuta Jazłowiecka, Jean Lambert, Patrick Le Hyaric, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Csaba Óry, Konstantinos Poupakis, Elisabeth Schroedter, Jutta Steinruck
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Georges Bach, Philippe De Backer, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Anthea McIntyre, Paul Murphy, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Gabriele Zimmer
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Timothy Kirkhope, George Lyon, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa