6. **Is convinced that a governance framework for a social and sustainable Europe should be anchored in the following reforms: the integration of the EPSR and a social progress protocol in the Treaties, protecting social rights at the same level as economic freedoms in the single market, and the adoption of a Sustainable Development and Social Progress Pact making social and sustainable targets mandatory, in order to achieve the UN SDGs; considers that, additionally, the Semester process should follow the Community method and be agreed between the Council and the European Parliament, while more social policy areas should fall under the qualified majority decision process, in particular non-discrimination, social protection of workers (apart from cross-border situations), protection of workers whose employment contract has been terminated, the representation and collective defence of the interests of workers and employers, and conditions of employment for third-country nationals legally residing in the EU;**

6. **Underlines that the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) is a political declaration and rejects any endeavour to utilise this instrument to standardise the social policies and social protection systems of the Member States;**

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9. Recalls that short-time work schemes are an effective tool to safeguard jobs during an economic crisis; **welcomes the establishment of the** Instrument for Temporary Support to Mitigate Employment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) **as an emergency measure to support Member States’ short-time work schemes in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; underlines that this is a key instrument to support national short-time work schemes, thus making it possible to safeguard jobs and skills and to preserve a large proportion of wages and incomes; invites the Commission to carefully evaluate the performance of this temporary instrument and examine the possible introduction of a permanent special instrument in this respect, to be activated – upon request by Member States – in case of any unexpected crisis that leads to a steady rise in expenditure for short-time work schemes and similar measures; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that financial assistance is provided only to undertakings that are not registered in the countries listed in the common EU list of third-country jurisdictions for tax purposes or in Annex I of the Council conclusions on the revised EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes; calls on the...
Commission and the Member States to ensure that beneficiaries comply with the fundamental values enshrined in the Treaties, and that companies receiving public financial support protect workers, guarantee decent working conditions, respect trade unions and applicable collective agreements, pay their share of taxes, and refrain from share buybacks or paying out bonuses to management or dividends to shareholders; stresses the importance of combining short-time work programmes with education and professional training for the affected workers;
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10. **Welcomes the announcement by the President of the European Commission proposing** an EU Unemployment Benefit Reinsurance Scheme, **and urges the Commission to present its proposal; calls for this instrument to protect all types of workers, reduce pressure from external shocks on public finances, and safeguard national unemployment benefit systems during crises that lead to a sudden rise in expenditure; calls for this proposal to cover EMU countries with the possibility of non-EMU countries also joining;**

Amendment

10. **Rejects the proposal for** an EU Unemployment Benefit Reinsurance Scheme **because it constitutes a further step towards a transfer union; is of the opinion that such a scheme does not solve structural national or regional labour market problems that are of a permanent nature; encourages the Member States to instead invest adequately in labour market policies and economic reforms to prevent long-term unemployment,**

Or. en