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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the ELDR Group

on the situation of lorry drivers blocked in Luxembourg

**European Parliament resolution on the situation of lorry drivers blocked in Luxembourg**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the situation of those third-country nationals who were found to have been illegally employed as drivers by the Austrian haulage firm Kralowetz and who were blocked in Luxembourg,
  - having regard to the Commission's proposal for a regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 881/92 on access to the market in the carriage of goods by road within the Community, to and from the territory of a Member State, or passing across the territory of one or more Member States as regards a uniform driver attestation (COM (2000) 751),
- A. whereas the situation of those third-country drivers illegally employed by Kralowetz is unfortunately not an isolated case and the problem of illegally employed third-country workers needs to be systematically addressed at EU level,
- B. whereas cases such as this create significant distortions of competition and problems of social dumping,
1. Deplores the treatment of those drivers illegally employed by the Kralowetz haulage company, in terms of their appalling pay and working conditions;
  2. Considers that the claims made by these drivers for payment of outstanding salary must be given due consideration;
  3. Considers that the illegal employment of so many third-country nationals by a company based in the European Union has again underlined the importance of the Commission's proposal to establish a uniform driver attestation;
  4. Considers that, in order for the relevant legislation to be effective, a system of strict checks and penalties must be ensured by all Member States, thereby helping to establish a level playing field throughout the single market in heavy goods transport in terms of the employment of HGV drivers;
  5. Calls on the Commission and the Luxembourg authorities to cooperate closely in investigating the Kralowetz case, with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt and, in particular, any specific further action to be taken at EU level to combat the illegal employment of drivers;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the candidate countries.