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Ms Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Chair  
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs  
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Subject: Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) (COM(2019)0397 – C9-0109/2019 – 2019/0180(COD))

Dear Ms Chair,

A Commission proposal for amending the European Globalisation Fund has been referred for opinion to the Committee on Budget. I understand that it is intended that a report on this will be adopted in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs early in October 2019.

This proposal is part of the Union preparedness and contingency plan to mitigate the most significant disruptions caused by a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without a withdrawal agreement. The proposed changes will specify that that redundancies resulting from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without a withdrawal agreement fall within the scope of the EGF. The Commission proposal is intended to give a political signal that the EGF could respond effectively by offering assistance to workers made redundant in areas, sectors, territories or labour markets suffering serious economic disruption due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without a withdrawal agreement. The proposal does not modify the maximum annual amount of the EGF.

I want to underline that the present proposal clearly confirms the Parliament's long-standing conviction that the current budgetary framework does not provide the degree of flexibility that we need.

The Committee coordinators have assessed this proposal, and asked me to write to you reporting that this Committee is in favour of amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund as proposed by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Johan Van Overtveldt