

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6531/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Relocations within Europe - the company Viking Line

What legislative initiative will the Commission take to ensure that the principle of freedom of establishment does not prevent trade unions taking action against the social dumping associated with relocations within Europe, such as in the case of the dispute between the company Viking Line and the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), acting at the request of the Finnish Seamen's Union (FSU)?

That Union had called on its members to refuse to enter into negotiations with the company Viking Line, which wanted to register ferries in Estonia so that it could pay less for its staff.