

**Question for written answer E-006448/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Work-life balance: parental leave and gender pay equity

The recent proposal to amend Directive 2010/18/EU on the work-life balance is a key legislative measure in terms of implementing the priorities set out in the recent package relating to the so-called Pillar of Social Rights.

However, from the outset, the social partners have been having difficulty in reaching agreement on a 'framework agreement', as provided for by the EU social legislation procedure, despite negotiations lasting nearly two years. Can the Commission say what kind of measures it has taken to encourage the reaching of an agreement, with particular regard to the differences of opinion between the social partners on the issue of maternity leave and fair pay agreements?