

**Question for written answer E-004435/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Andor Deli (NI)**

Subject: Mobility package: negotiations with non-EU countries

In accordance with Article 14 of Directive (EU) 2020/1057<sup>1</sup>, the EU will begin negotiations with relevant non-EU countries with a view to applying rules equivalent to those laid out in this directive. Furthermore, recital 17 of the directive provides that the EU should, in accordance with Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006<sup>2</sup>, align the control mechanisms that can be used to ensure that companies in non-EU countries respect national and EU social rules with the control mechanisms that apply to companies within the EU.

1. Has the Commission started the negotiations with relevant non-EU countries in accordance with Article 14 of the directive?
2. With which countries and when did the Commission start the negotiations?
3. Will there be any legal guarantees that non-EU countries will align their rules and enforcement mechanisms with EU requirements?

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2020/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2020 laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector. OJ L 249, 31.7.2020, p. 49.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport. OJ L 102, 11.4.2006, p. 1.