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Dear Colleague,

I would like to kindly inform you that, on November 17th 2004, the sitting of the European Union Affairs Committee was devoted to the debate on the situation on European labour market following the recent enlargement of the European Union.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Labour, Mr Jerzy Hausner, government representatives of Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom as well as representatives of the local government of London took part in the sitting.

The debate revealed that, within six months since the European Union's enlargement, in the countries which opened their labour markets for new Member States' citizens, no negative tendencies, for labour markets and citizens of these countries alike, have been observed. Furthermore, the inflow of workers from the countries that joined the European Union on May 1st 2004 has brought positive effects on the economy of the countries that opened their labour markets with no restrictions.

As a result of the debate, the Committee adopted a desideratum addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers, which I hereby enclose.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT Smoleń

Translation

Desideratum no. 1
of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
Addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers
Adopted at the sitting on November 17th, 2004

On November 17th, 2004 the European Union Affairs Committee conducted a debate on the purposefulness of the maintenance of transition periods in the area of free movement of persons in the context of the labour market situation in Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom.

During the debate the Committee was acquainted with the government statements of the countries which had opened their labour markets for the citizens of new Member States. Analyses presented by the representatives of Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom have shown that, within the period of six months since the European Union's enlargement, labour markets and citizens of these countries have not been affected in any negative way. The inflow of workers from the countries that joined the European Union in 2004 has brought positive effects on the economy of the countries that opened their labour markets with no restrictions.

The Committee acknowledges the fact that free movement of employees is, according to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, one of the fundamental principles on which the European Union has been built.

The Committee appeals to the Government of Poland to take up a prompt dialogue with the governments of the European Union member states on the opening of labour markets for Polish citizens before the expiry of transitional periods.

The Committee also addresses the Government of Poland to make further efforts to liberalise the access of Polish citizens to the services market of the all EU member states.

Chairman of the Committee

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