

-courtesy translation-

Warszawa, 20 April 2006.

Dear Mr. President,

Please find attached the Appeal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of 7 April 2006, regarding the opening of the labour market of all countries of the EU for citizens of new Member States.

Let me take this opportunity to express my hope that this initiative will result in taking necessary legislative measures to enable a free movement of labour force in the EU Member States.

With expressions of my consideration,

(-) Marek Jurek

*Mr. Christian Mejdahl
President
of the Parliament
of the Kingdom of Denmark*

Copenhagen

Appeal
of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland

of 7 April 2006

regarding the opening of the labour market in the EU Member States

Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

- in conjunction with the completion on 30 April 2006 of the first stage of the transitional arrangements concerning the free movement of labour force in the EU Member States, introduced on the day of the European Union enlargement, taking in consideration the conclusions of the Commission Report published on 8 February 2006 on the Functioning of the Transitional Arrangements,
- calls upon the Parliaments of the Member States to undertake, in the name of the deepening of the European unity, economic and civilisational development, and the strengthening of bonds between EU citizens, as well as the raising of universal, high standards of employment in the entire European Union, all action necessary to abolish the limitations of access to labour markets for the citizens of the new Member States.

Sejm of the Republic of Poland expects that the positive experiences of those Member States which in 2004 opened their labour markets to the new members will provide a good example for other States in the implementation of a fundamental principle of the European Union, which is a free movement of labour force as an expression of equality and freedom of all citizens of the European Union.

Moreover, respecting fully the right of the Member States to impose limitations resulting from the Accession Treaty, Sejm of the Republic of Poland expresses its full support for the Government of the Republic of Poland's standing, indicating the profits resulting from

abolishing of barriers to the free movement of labour force for citizens of Poland and other new Member States, among others by enlarging and deepening of the internal markets, adapting the European economy to changing conditions, which will in turn contribute to the economic growth of the European Community.

MARSHAL OF THE SEJM

/-/ Marek Jurek

Warsaw, 21 March 2006

Dear Mister Speaker,

I have the honour of placing in your hands the resolution of the Senate of the Republic of Poland concerning the opening of labour markets in the old European Union member states, adopted unanimously on 16 March 2006.

Accepting with understanding the hitherto existing position of the authorities of your country in respect of the liberalization of regulations governing the access by citizens of new European Union member states to its labour market, I wish to express my hope that further actions will soon lead to materialization of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed to all citizens of the European Union - and that to the benefit of the entire Community.

Sincerely yours

Bogdan Borusewicz
President of the Senate
of the Republic of Poland

His Excellency

Christian Mejdahl

Speaker of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark

RESOLUTION
OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
dated 16 March 2006

in the matter of opening job markets
in the old member states of the European Union

The Senate of the Republic of Poland:

- CONSIDERING that the first phase of transitional regulations on free movement of workers across the European Union instituted after its enlargement in 2004 expires on 30 April 2006;
- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the European Commission report of 8 February 2006 on the Functioning of the Transitional Arrangements set out in the Accession Treaty and enforced since 1 May 2004;

hereby asserts that opening job markets to citizens of the new member states shall constitute a realization of fundamental rights in the area of free flow of people and workers guaranteed to all citizens of the European Union.

The Senate of the Republic of Poland emphasizes:

- that lifting all current restrictions on the access to job markets by both the old and the new European Union member states shall contribute to strengthening European unity and competitiveness on world markets, in compliance with the provisions of the Lisbon Strategy;
- that the experience of Great Britain, Ireland and Sweden – countries that decided in 2004 to open their job markets – confirms the opinion that mutual benefits can be drawn from taking up work and opening businesses by citizens of the new member states on their territory; independent studies show that the economies of these countries have noted in the past two years an economic growth that translates into creation of more jobs;
- that legal employment contributes to the reduction of the so-called grey zone and has a positive effect on public finances of the states that accept workers, and promotes the introduction of high employment standards across the European Union;
- that the flow of workers promotes strengthening ties between citizens of the European Union and eliminating national prejudices and negative stereotypes;
- that the migration experience to date and its forecasts demonstrate unequivocally that opening job markets by successive EU member states shall not cause any new significant movements of workers, and that a potential growth in migration would have a positive effect on both the old and the new member states.

The Senate of the Republic of Poland expresses its conviction that the elimination of restrictions in the free flow of workers and introduction of solutions which take into account national interests and the well-being of the entire European community alike is of fundamental significance to the operational effectiveness of the European Union and economic development of its member states.

In the spirit of the values that hitherto have guided European development, the Senate of the Republic of Poland appeals to the parliaments and governments of the old European Union member states to take decisive steps to eliminate all restrictions in the access to job markets.

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BOGDAN BORUSEWICZ

**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**