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PROCRASTINATION! SAYS ETUC,
IT’S TIME TO PROPOSE MEASURES
TO SUPPORT WORKERS”****European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC]
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In responding to the EU consultation on restructuring and anticipation of change, which closed last week, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) took the opportunity to demand concrete action from the European Commission to create a strong legal framework on the anticipation of change.

“We’ve waited 15 years for the recommendations from Gyllenhammar to be taken up. In those 15 years, millions of European workers have been subject to poorly planned and unfairly implemented restructuring processes. After 5 years of economic crisis, our patience is at its limits”, stated Judith Kirton-Darling ETUC Confederal Secretary. “It’s time for action on the right to training, stronger worker participation, and an industrial policy agenda promoting innovation and job creation”.

In the ETUC’s response, the trade union movement has set out the 5 key elements of a European framework on anticipation of change:

1. Preparing and enabling workers: key role of education and training
2. Maintaining and creating jobs: key role of industrial policy
3. Giving workers a voice and place in strategic decisions: key role for information, consultation and participation
4. Ensuring a European legal framework: key role of collective bargaining
5. Providing a safety net: key role for active labour market policies, social protection and support measures

The ETUC exists to speak with a single voice, on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 12 industry-based federations.

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