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RESTRUCTURING & ANTICIPATION OF CHANGE: ETUC WELCOMES THE STRONG DEMAND FOR ACTION FROM MEPS

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Today the European Parliament (EP) adopted with a large majority - 503 in favour, 107 against and 72 abstentions - a report on 'Information and consultation of workers, anticipation and management of restructuring' urging the European Commission to draft a law to manage restructuring in Europe. The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) welcomes this vote and demands the European Commission to act now accordingly.

Commenting the EP vote, Judith Kirton-Darling, ETUC Confederal Secretary, said "With this vote, a massive majority of Members of the European Parliament have recognised the need for European legal action to better anticipate and manage economic change. In the last three years, for every one job created, two were lost. In yet the Commission have not brought forward a proper strategy. For the European Trade Union, strengthening the legal framework of information and consultation for workers and their communities, ensuring training and education, and providing a framework of support measures must be part of this strategy. After a decade of hand-wringing, it is time for the Commission to act and propose legislation".

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 10 industry-based federations.

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