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### **VOTE ON LABOUR LAW: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CLEARLY IN FAVOUR OF LABOUR LAW REFORM**

Adopting a resolution on labour law with an overwhelming majority today, the European Parliament has expressed its clear support for labour market reform.

It is important to anchor further debate on labour law reform in the wider discussion on how to achieve a better balance between flexibility and security for workers. Efforts have to be concentrated on how to create new jobs, facilitate transition between jobs and not on how to artificially preserve existing ones. Companies need both a variety of contractual arrangements and improved flexibility in traditional standard contracts. Social partners have to engage at national level to find win-win compromises for both companies and workers.

Ernest-Antoine Seillière, President of BUSINESSEUROPE, said: *"It is satisfactory for companies that the European Parliament wants to reform labour law. This will influence the flexicurity debate positively."*

#### NOTE TO THE EDITOR

BUSINESSEUROPE – the Confederation of European Business represents more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs since 1958, BUSINESSEUROPE Members are 39 central industrial and employers' federations from 33 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.

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