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THE SECRETARY GENERAL

To the members of COREPER I

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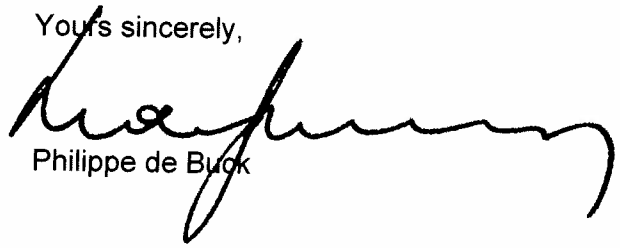
Dear Ambassador,

On 28 May 2008, COREPER will discuss the Slovenian Presidency's compromise proposal on the amended proposal for a Directive on working conditions for temporary workers. Ahead of your meeting, I would like express the first reaction of BUSINESSEUROPE to three provisions of the compromise proposal:

1. With respect to the protection to be provided to temporary agency workers, the new article 5.4 mentions "an adequate level of protection" whereas the existing article 5.3 calls for "respecting the overall protection of temporary agency workers". In BUSINESSEUROPE's view, the same wording should be used in the two articles.
2. The compromise proposal contains a new article 5.5 on the prevention of misuse. BUSINESSEUROPE believes that it should be incorporated in article 5.4 as it is introduced as a consequence of the amendments to article 5.4.
3. The compromise proposal only has a reference to a qualifying period for equal treatment for Member States with the characteristics mentioned in article 5.4. This right should be extended to all Member States.

I hope that you will be able to take our comments into account and wish you all the best for tomorrow's discussions.

Yours sincerely,



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