



FIRST PHASE CONSULTATION OF SOCIAL PARTNERS UNDER ARTICLE 154 TFEU ON A POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE WRITTEN STATEMENT DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 91/533/EEC) IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

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- 1) Do you consider that the Commission has correctly and sufficiently identified the issues and the possible areas for further EU action?

No.

In order to assess the written statement directive we would need to undertake exploratory talks with the ETUC.

- 2) Do you think that the Commission should engage into legislative work in one or several of the identified possible areas for further EU action?

No.

Concerning the issues raised under 'challenge 1' in the Commission consultation document and in view of the content of the written statement directive, we believe that social partners are better placed to assess whether further work is needed in light of different practices concerning relations between employers and workers.

- 3) Would you consider initiating a dialogue under Article 155 TFEU on any of the issues identified in this consultation?

BusinessEurope is willing to engage in exploratory talks with the ETUC in order to assess the feasibility and appropriateness of initiating a dialogue under Article 155 and asks the Commission to leave the necessary time for such talks and to avoid any action that could interfere with the autonomy of the social partners or interfere in this dialogue.
