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Dear General Secretary,

Re: BusinessEurope offers to open negotiations on the revision of the European Works Council Directive (Directive 2009/38/EC)

I am pleased to inform you that BusinessEurope's Council of Presidents has authorised BusinessEurope to offer to ETUC to open negotiations under Article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in the context of the second-stage consultation of the European social partners on a possible revision of the European Works Council Directive (Directive 2009/38/EC), which was initiated by the European Commission on 26 July.

Our main objective will be to agree on amendments to the Directive 2009/38/EC, which will help improve the functioning of EWCs in practice.

Considering that the European social partners are best placed to address this legislative review effectively, BusinessEurope hopes that the European Trade Union Confederation will soon be able to take the same decision and allow a social dialogue solution for European works councils.

Yours sincerely,

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