



**Declaration of intentions on further collaboration
of the Benelux Interparliamentary Assembly,
the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council
on the development of a multilateral cooperation to promote fair labour
and to fight social security fraud**

The Benelux Interparliamentary Assembly, the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council,

having regard to the International Labour Organisation (ILO)'s fundamental labour standards;

having regard to the increased European trend towards undeclared work, bogus self-employment, leading to an increase in precarious jobs and deteriorating levels of worker protection;

whereas undeclared work and social security fraud consequently leads to unfair competition between States and their enterprises, and, moreover, give rise to an unacceptable deterioration of social rights and the solidarity which those rights are based on;

whereas an efficient and firm approach is not possible without an efficient multilateral cooperation and exchange of information between the member states involved;

whereas this cooperation must therefore be international, interinstitutional and multidisciplinary;

I. general objectives

state their intention

- a. to deal with undeclared work and social security fraud by means of improved cooperation and data exchange;
- b. to take measures where necessary in order to deal with loopholes in the regulatory framework;
- c. to continue implementation of the adopted Directives concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services;
- d. to support active involvement in the European platform against undeclared work that brings together the European Commission, social partners and EU national authorities in charge of combating undeclared work, such as labour inspectorates, taxation and social security authorities;

II. measures

consider that undeclared work and social security fraud is better detected based on multidisciplinary cooperation and exchange of data among national authorities, such as labour inspectorates, taxation and social security authorities;

call on the governments to strengthen the capacity and resources of their national authorities, such as labour inspectorates, taxation and social security authorities and their liaison offices;

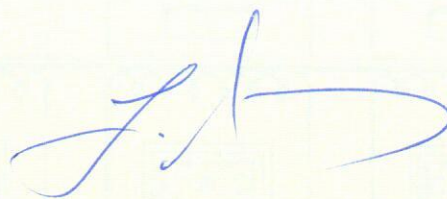
stress the need to combat the phenomenon of letterbox companies;

call on the governments to actively contribute to the debate on the European labour mobility package.



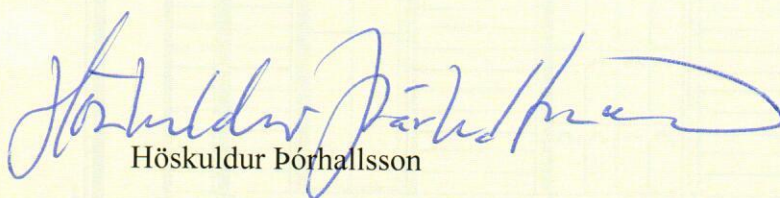
Maya Detiège

President of the Benelux
Interparliamentary Assembly



Jānis Vucāns

President
of the Baltic Assembly



Höskuldur Þórhallsson

Member of the Presidium
of the Nordic Council

Brussels, 18 March 2016