



ETUC

EUROPEAN
TRADE UNION
CONFEDERATION

04/04/06
Lire la version française

ETUC values Commission's efforts to respect main provisions of the European Parliament's compromise on the Services Directive

The European Commission published today its amended version of the Services Directive. Mr Barroso, President of the Commission, had promised to respect the European Parliament's compromise, adopted by a large majority last February. The European Council has also recently supported the compromise text. The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) values the Commission's efforts to respect the essential elements of that compromise.

The ETUC, the European Parliament and the European Council had, on numerous occasions, warned the Commission against backtracking and urged it to accept Parliament's compromise - a basis for early adoption of a Services Directive which would also respect the social dimension of the Internal Market.

John Monks, General Secretary of the ETUC, commented: *"We appreciate the fact that the Commission has respected its commitment, although we will need to check the various changes in more detail. At first sight, some amendments appear incomplete, confusing or even inaccurate. The ETUC will ask the Council to examine these points closely."*

Last Modification : **April 4 2006.**

European Trade Union Confederation

International Trade Union House (ITUH)

Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5

B-1210 Brussels

Belgium

Phone: +32 (0)2 224 04 11

Fax: +32 (0)2 224 04 54

E-mail: etuc@etuc.org

More information:

Patricia Grillo
Head of Press and Communications
+32 (0)2 224 0430
+32 (0)477 770 164
Pgrillo@etuc.org