

The Police Trade Unions and Police Staff Organisations gathered in the European Confederation of Police,

- Reject on behalf of police officers in Europe the compromise proposal for a revision of the EU Working Time Directive that emerged from the Employment and Social Affairs Council on 9 June 2008
- Express their deep disappointment in view of the lack of respect for social rights demonstrated by the proposal
- Express their utmost concern over the apparent will of governments of EU Member States to ignore the commitment of the European Union to social progress

We are human beings,

- yet the proposal for a revision of the working time directive assumes that we are robots that can just be switched to stand-by mode and relax wherever we are.

We do not understand why on call time shall no longer need to be considered as working time.

We are parents, a spouses and have friends,

- yet the proposal for a revision of the working time directive assumes that we are but a production factor that has no need for a private life.

We do not understand why the reference period for calculating our average working time shall be extended to twelve months.

We are police officers

- yet the proposal for a revision of the working time directive assumes that we are slaves that do not need to be protected their collective organisations exploitation.

We do not understand why opt-outs from the maximum weekly working time shall not be subject to collective agreements.

We urgently call upon the European Parliament

- not to accept that we might become a risk to the safety of the citizens we should protect, because we are tired, overworked and suffer from stress
- to stand up in order to protect our rights to protection against the health and safety risks of long and irregular hours of work
- to confirm its position from the first reading on the proposal for a revision of the EU Working Time Directive,
- to reject the agreement brokered at the Employment and Social Affairs Council on 9 June
- to refuse to become the grave digger of social progress in Europe
- to manifest itself as the guardian of the humane face of the European Union.

In June 2009, our votes count!