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Dear Commissioner,

**Re: opening of negotiations on working time**

Further to the Commission consultation on reviewing the working time directive, we are pleased to inform you that our four organisations will open negotiations. The aim of these negotiations will be to conclude an agreement, to be implemented by Council decision in accordance with article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

A first negotiation meeting is scheduled for 8 December 2011. Should we be able to conclude these negotiations within the nine-month period foreseen by the Treaty, we would inform the Commission of the results achieved at the beginning of September 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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Philippe de Buck  
Director General

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