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To Whom It May Concern

Ms Marie Zamecnikova successfully fulfilled a traineeship in the Secretariat of Workers' Group at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). She began her traineeship on 16th February and suspended on 27th March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms Zamecnikova enrolled again as a trainee in the autumn term between 16th September 2020 and 15th February 2021. The overall objective of unit is to work closely with representatives from national trade unions, confederations and sectoral federations. The secretariat of Workers' Group is responsible for communication with other bodies within European architecture and support of its members with secretary and administrative tasks.

Working in the Secretariat of Workers' Group during the COVID-19 pandemic when the EESC settled to fully remote or hybrid work organisation has provided Ms Zamecnikova with a valuable experience for the future arrangement to adapt and effectively accomplish all her given tasks in a self-determined way, including the content and communication work of the secretariat. In light of the critical role of trade unions to protect workers, resolve workplace issues and enhance the workers' well-being as bargaining representatives in the middle of the pandemic. Ms Zamecnikova contributed to this issue by the conduction of a long-term research project called 'COVID-19: Digitalisation of Employment'.

Ms Zamecnikova integrated seamlessly with the rest of the unit, despite the difficulties derived from the pandemic and the teleworking arrangements during this period, and became a great asset for the secretariat. She actively contributed to the development of the activities of the unit, assisting in research, participation and organisation of a wide range of events such as public hearings, section meetings, plenary sessions, webinars and conferences, as well as assisting EESC members. In the accomplishment of her tasks, she demonstrated a high capacity of absorbing and assessing a significant amount of information within a short period of time through the drafting and editing of background notes on the economic, social and political situation in the European Union.

Ms Zamecnikova is a very competent, efficient, reliable and highly motivated person that made an essential contribution to the unit. She has a very good sense of responsibility, initiative and team spirit. Moreover, she developed an excellent working relationship with her superiors and colleagues not least due to her positive attitude, openness and excellent communication skills.

I wish her every success in her future professional career, and I highly recommend her for any assignment or position of a similar nature.

Oliver Röpke
President of Workers' Group