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Letter of formal notice to Norway concerning posting of workers - status report

Introduction

1. Reference is made to the Government's reply of 20 January 2017 to the letter of formal notice from the EFTA Surveillance Authority concerning posting of workers. In its letter of 25 January 2017 regarding the issue, the Authority asks the Government to provide a status report on the ongoing work between the social partners by 10 April 2017.

2. As stated in the Government's letter of 20 January 2017, it is important that the social partners are given sufficient time to identify long-term and robust solutions. The timeframe for their effort on this matter is the spring 2018.

3. Please find below the Government's description of the status of the ongoing work, based on the information received from the social partners involved.

Observations

4. In the maritime construction industries, there is a commission work in progress since 2016, related to the provisions on travelling in the Engineering Industry Agreement. The Federation of Norwegian Industries and The Norwegian United Federation of Trade Unions have decided to extend the mandate for the commission's work, so that it also covers the questions raised by the Authority's letter of formal notice, aiming to find compromise solutions. The commission will complete its tasks this year, so that possible new provisions on travel, board and lodging can be subject to ordinary negotiations during the wage settlement in 2018.

5. The Federation of Norwegian Industries and The Norwegian United Federation of Trade Unions have engaged an external advisor, who assists them in their work. These two organisations have summarized the status of their work in a note (in Norwegian only), which is enclosed.

6. In the construction sector, it has been established dialogue between the trade organisations. It has been scheduled a meeting on 2 May 2017, with the purpose to coordinate the further work.

7. At this time, the Government considers that the work between the social partners is progressing appropriately.

Yours sincerely,

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