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## COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE EFTA COUNTRIES (CMP)

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at the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMP*

*in Geneva, Switzerland  
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### **Resolution of the CMP on Free movement of workers** adopted unanimously, with one abstention:

The Committee of Members of Parliament of the EFTA Countries,

- A. Having regard to the EEA Agreement and the Swiss-EU bilateral agreement on Free Movement of Persons;
- B. Having regard to the influx of workers to the EFTA States from EU Member States following the enlargement of the EU and the European crisis;
  1. Highlights the positive effects increased labour migration to the EFTA States has had for the economies, in particular after the EU enlargement in 2004;
  2. Recognises that the influx of cross-border workers to the EFTA States has in general not had a negative influence on employment levels or average salary levels;
  3. Underlines, however, that labour migration has led to social dumping in certain sectors of the economy and in some areas close to the borders with EU Member States, and calls on the EFTA governments to implement effective measures to prevent social dumping and circumvention of national rules and regulations on wages and working conditions;
  4. Stresses the importance of EU legislation being developed in a manner that allows the EFTA States to maintain their labour market model;
  5. Acknowledges that whereas unemployment is still on the rise in the EU, the EFTA States, in certain sectors, need to attract foreign workers;
  6. Highlights that the EFTA States have been able to maintain their social and welfare models with the increased mobility of persons within the European labour

market, but calls on the EFTA Governments to take measures to avoid unsustainable pressure on the welfare system in the long term;

7. Welcomes the proposal for modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive and the introduction of a European Professional Card, and believe simplifying and clarifying recognition of professional qualifications is key to promoting the mobility of skilled workers in Europe which is vital for the improvement of the European labour market, taking essential differences in education levels into consideration;
8. Underlines the importance of improved information sharing between European states, and encourages the introduction of a functioning alert mechanism that prevents professionals with malpractice to continue service in a different state.