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To: Romanian Members of the European Parliament
Mariana Campeanu, Minister of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities

CC: H.E. Mihnea Motoc, Romanian Ambassador to the EU
Denisa-Oana Patrascu, State Secretary, Ministry of Labor, Family and Equal Opportunities
Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, State Secretary, Department for European Affairs

Re: Position letter on the revision of the European Works Council Directive (EWCD)

Your Excellencies,

The American Chamber of Commerce in Romania (AmCham Romania) takes this opportunity to thank you for your support to our activity, and based on the explanations below and the documents enclosed, recommends that you support for adoption the version of the EWCD reached during the trialogue.

The business community AmCham Romania represents welcomes and supports the EWCD compromise package resulting from last week's trialogue and kindly asks you to take into consideration as basis for adoption on December 15, respectively December 16, 2008.

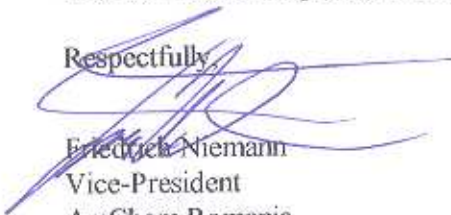
In the opinion of the companies AmCham Romania represents, the European Works Councils should be kept to a meaningful format, which is flexible enough for undertakings to negotiate successful agreements that fit their needs while preserving the speed of decision making processes that enable these undertakings to compete in the global economy.

We also acknowledge the expressed wish of the European Institutions and Member States to conclude the revision of the existing legislation as soon as possible.

As already mentioned, we strongly recommend the Members of the European Parliament and Social Affairs and Employment ministers support for adoption of the EWCD compromise package resulting from last week's trialogue.

AmCham Romania greatly thanks you for considering our recommendation.

Respectfully,


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About AmCham Romania: AmCham Romania has 300 members, consisting of major U.S., foreign and local enterprises doing business in Romania, as well as small and medium-sized firms and business executives in the country, who support and abide by the policies of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The association is entirely independent, with no subsidy from government bodies, and relies on income from membership dues and other activities. The 300 member companies represent investments of over 10 billion USD in Romania and support over 120.000 jobs.