



THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear President Juncker

In recent years, a number of commendable initiatives have been taken in order to strengthen the social dimension of the European Union, most notably the European Pillar of Social Rights. We are pleased to see that importance is being attached to the social dimension and that initiatives are being taken to ensure good working conditions for all.

Promoting decent and fair working conditions is an important task for all countries. I would particularly like to highlight the need to combat activities that breach laws relating to pay and working conditions, social security and taxation. Combating work-related crime, including cross-border work-related crime, is a priority for my Government.

Norway wishes to share the experience it has gained from its efforts to combat this particular type of crime. The enclosed report discusses challenges associated with work-related crime and possible measures to combat this in greater detail.

Given that work-related crime and irresponsible practices are transnational challenges, I would like to propose establishing closer cooperation in this field within the European Economic Area. The aim would be to improve coordination of efforts between the various authorities involved – the police, the taxation authorities, the social security authorities and the labour market authorities. The social partners should also be actively involved in any dialogue on how to tackle these challenges.

One possible approach could be to develop a coherent European strategy for combating work-related crime, identifying ways of enhancing coordination of efforts in this area. This work could be seen in the context of the new initiative from the European Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a European Labour Authority.

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