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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the
Rules of Procedure

by Mr PININFARINA on behalf of the Liberal
and Democratic Group

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Harmonization of the policies of the
Member States in the field of social
legislation

The Commission is asked to report on the measures already taken, and currently in progress, to harmonize the policies of the Member States in the field of social legislation, and to give its opinion on the present state of industrial relations with specific reference to all laws relating to equal competition between undertakings and equality between workers in the Community.

One of the more obvious obstacles to real European integration is the often considerable disparity in legal provisions on labour relations between the various Member States

This problem has immediate effects on undertakings and workers in the Member States since it places them on an unequal footing, with direct repercussions on

competition and consequently productivity and working conditions; undertakings and workers engaged in the same activity are bound by different legislation according to their location. The efforts being made in every field to harmonize the policies of the Member States and the laws governing the life of European citizens should - in the questioner's opinion - be matched by more uniform European social legislation.