



**INVITATION
PRESS CONFERENCE
Brussels – 4 May 2005 – 14h00**

**Revision of the EU Working Time Directive – the
ETUC and the forthcoming vote in the European
Parliament**

Draft amendments to the 1993 Working Time Directive – the European Union's key legislation on working hours – come up for a crucial vote in the European Parliament during the forthcoming plenary session from 9-12 May in Strasbourg.

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) has condemned the European Commission's original amendment proposals as unbalanced, unacceptable and harmful to the welfare of workers and their families.

Despite aggressive lobbying from the UK government and business lobby, the EP's Employment Committee has adopted a courageously independent view, based on the work of Spanish MEP and rapporteur Alejandro Cercas. The full Parliament will now debate and vote on the issue.

Press conference speakers include:

John Monks, ETUC General Secretary
Alejandro Cercas, MEP
Catelene Passchier, ETUC Confederal Secretary

I look forward to seeing you there,
Kind regards,

Patricia Grillo
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English***

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