
Resolution – Whistleblowers Foreign Affairs Commission

Whistleblowing is a topic that goes straight to the heart of legal issues. It is difficult to take a decision because some instances can include matters of national security, such as the cases of Chelsea Manning or Edward Snowden, but nevertheless they show people issues that were previously unknown or reveal important information, so we believe that it should be facilitated. This is especially important in Luxembourg, as it had to face the Luxleaks case and to deal with the relevant whistleblowers.

IC's:

- A. Regretting the large differences between Member States in terms of whistleblower protection;
- B. Alarmed by the lack of consensus on whether foreign whistleblowers need protection or not;
- C. Keeping in mind that Luxembourg has international obligations;
- D. Contemplating whether Whistleblowers should be granted protection from retaliation by the accused and from lawsuits for defamation or breach of contract;
- E. Regretting a lack of clarity as to whether reporting immoral acts constitutes whistleblowing;
- F. Acknowledging that unnecessary sensitive information on the accused such as their home address can be leaked in conjunction with actually useful information;

OC's:

the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

- 1. Supports the EU's work on its new directive on whistleblowing;
- 2. Believes that Luxembourg should stay true to its obligation to protect political refugees while not being limited by the latter and keeping in account its international interests;
- 3. Requests that all whistleblowers be granted appropriate protection given that they provide accurate and useful information or had reason to believe that it was correct;
- 4. Suggests that the Luxembourgish Government, in consortium with its international partners, develops a global, comprehensive and concise definition of whistleblowing;
- 5. Proposes the creation of an EU body to manage whistleblowing and the release of relevant information to the general public.

We, AFET, believe that whistleblowing is important to keep our systems open and clean, thus we support entities facilitating it, within a legal framework. We also believe that the EU should have a body in charge of helping people who don't want to go to their company or country for whatever reason, since the EU institutions already have strong whistleblower protection schemes.