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## **Objectives and Work Programme of the social dialogue committee in the Steel Industry June 2006 -June 2008**

### Objectives

*In conformity with the Amsterdam Treaty, in particular Article 138, and with reference to the Commission Decision COM(1998)322final the European social partners in the steel industry – the European Metalworkers' Federation (EMF) and the European Confederation of Iron and Steel Industries (EUROFER) have decided to conduct an autonomous social dialogue within the framework of a sectoral social dialogue committee under the auspices of the European Commission. By engaging in a social dialogue at EU level both organisations want to contribute to the viability and perspectives of the European sector, supporting competitiveness and a high degree of employment with high quality jobs.*

*The social dialogue committee pursues the following objectives:*

- 1. On the basis of its work programme, the sectoral social dialogue committee should conduct exchanges on topics of mutual interest and should develop the capacity for subsequent joint action.*
- 2. On the basis of its expertise it should develop concepts and proposals to influence European and national debates and it should give directions and recommendations in order to contribute to policy developments both at the national and European level. The social dialogue committee should monitor the implementation of its joint opinions, guidelines and recommendations.*
- 3. The scope of the committee's activities should range from bilateral projects with the support of the European Commission, and three-way exchanges of information with the European Commission, to consultations to develop common positions and actions, in particular, vis-à-vis the European institutions.*
- 4. The social dialogue committee should monitor the social, economic and employment consequences of EU policies on the steel sector.*
- 5. It should promote and monitor the implementation at the national level of the results of the European level social dialogue.*
- 6. The social partners may decide to embody the results of their dialogue into a European agreement.*

*In the framework of the above-mentioned objectives the European social partners in the steel industry propose the following work programme:*

- Health and Safety: Foster permanent progress, in particular, through the exchange of best practices;
- Evolution of training needs and tools in the context of remarkable demographic changes and of competition for highly skilled workers with other industries;
- Monitoring and evaluation of the structural changes within the European and global steel industry;
- Development of joint policy statements (as e.g. on issues like energy, the environment and raw material policy) vis-à-vis European institutions and joint participation in the consultation process on EU regulation concerning the steel industry.

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