

APPEAL
of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
of 7 April 2006
for opening the labour markets in European Union Member States

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

- with regard to the end – as of 30 April 2006 – of the first stage of the functioning of transitional arrangements concerning the free movement of workers in the European Union Member States, introduced as of the day of the EU enlargement, and taking into account the conclusions of the European Commission's Report on the Functioning of Transitional Arrangements published on 8 February 2006;

- appeals to parliaments of European Union Member States to take relevant actions aimed at removing barriers in access to labour markets for citizens of new Member States, in the name of deepening European unity, economic and civilizational growth and strengthening the bond between its citizens as well as increasing the unified high standards of employment in the entire European Union.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland expects that the positive experience of countries which opened their markets to new members in 2004 will serve as an example for other countries to fulfil the fundamental principle of the European Union, that is the free movement of workers, as a sign of equality and freedom of all European Union citizens.

Furthermore, while fully respecting the Member States' right to use limits resulting from the Accession Treaty, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland fully supports the position of the government of the Republic of Poland, which points to the benefits of removing barriers limiting the free movement for citizens of Poland and other new Member States, *inter alia* by enlarging and deepening internal markets and adapting the European economy to changing conditions, which will contribute to the European Community's economic growth.

Marshal of the Sejm: Marek Jurek