Social security: unemployed persons

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The committee (chairman: Stephen HUGHES (PSE, UK)) adopted the report by Mrs Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN (PPE, NL) supporting the Commission's proposal to allow persons from one Member State seeking work to remain longer than three months in another Member State in order to look for a job without losing unemployment benefits. The committee felt that persons seeking work should also be allowed to undergo training in other Member States. Parliament agreed with the European Commission that the amount paid in benefits and the length of time for which they are paid should be limited to the minimum applicable in the two Member States in order to avoid job-seeking "tourism".