Social security: extension to employed persons of third countries resident in the Union

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By adopting a report by Christine ODDY (PES, UK), the Committee gave its full support to a Commission proposal extending the provisions of Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 to third-country nationals legally resident in a Member State. Regulation 1408/71 coordinates national social security systems so that the employed and the self-employed as well as their family members may export their acquired social security rights if they move to another Member State. According to the rapporteur, the proposal is fair to 13 million non-EU nationals established in the European Union. In addition, it provides greater legal and administrative coherence. Being covered by the Regulation, however, does not constitute a right for non-EU nationals to enter, stay or work in another Member State.