Labour force in the Community: sample survey on employment and unemployment

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The Commission agrees to take into account in its amended proposal the single amendment adopted by the European Parliament. The amendment grants an exemption to Spain, Finland and the United Kingdom for the collection of the structural variables with reference to a single quarter for a transition period running until the end of 2007. This will allow these Member States to adapt their survey procedures, which have for many years been based on a quarterly structure. This amendment is in line with the Presidency compromise in the Council working party. The Commission accepts this amendment because the exemption only concerns the survey process and the new variables specified by the proposed Regulation will be available for all Member States.