Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence

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In adopting the report by Mr Klaus-Heiner LEHNE (PPE, D), Parliament approved with amendments the proposal concerning the amendment of the 1968 and 1973 Directives on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence for nationals of Member States. In order to prevent any discrimination between Union citizens, Parliament called for the removal of the provision that Member States may require persons to be in possession of a valid identity card or passport when they exercise their right of free movement. It also insisted that freedom of movement should apply to workers and their families, whether they are European citizens or nationals of non-Member countries.