Situation of frontier workers

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mrs Ria OOMEN-RUIJTENN (EPP/ED, Nl) which calls on the Commission to come up with a new proposal to modernise existing EU social security legislation affecting frontier workers with a view to obliging the Member States to take account of their needs when adopting legislation in such areas as tax, health care, unemployment benefits and child allowances. The resolution calls on the Member States to introduce a compensation scheme to ensure that frontier workers do not lose out as a result of changes to social security law. Parliament also believes that the existing EU legislation in the field dating back to 1971 should be updated to cover, for example, dependent family members and retired frontier workers. New rules are also needed to tackle anomalies affecting pensions and taxation and to deal with the situation of other categories such as students and volunteer workers.