Council Directive 2010/18/EU of 8 March 2010 implementing the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave concluded by BUSINESSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC and repealing Directive 96/34/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 1	This Directive puts into effect the revised Framework Agreement
	on
Article 2	Member States shall determine what penalties are applicable
	when national
Article 3	(1) Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations
Article 4	Directive 96/34/EC shall be repealed with effect from 8 March
Article 5	This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON PARENTAL LEAVE (REVISED)

Preamble

Article 6

- I. General considerations
 - 1. Having regard to the EC Treaty and in particular Articles...
 - 2. Having regard to Articles 137(1)(c) and 141 of the EC...
 - 3. Having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the...
 - 4. Having regard to the 2003 Report from the Commission on...
 - 5. Having regard to the objective of the Lisbon strategy on...
 - 6. Having regard to the European social partners' Framework of Actions...
 - 7. Whereas measures to improve reconciliation are part of a broader...
 - 8. Whereas family policies should contribute to the achievement of gender...
 - 9. Whereas the Commission has consulted the European social partners in...
 - 10. Whereas the Framework agreement of the European social partners of...
 - 11. Whereas certain aspects need to be adapted, taking into account...
 - 12. Whereas in many Member States encouraging men to assume an...
 - 13. Whereas many Member States already have a wide variety of...
 - 14. Whereas this framework agreement provides one element of European social...
 - 15. Whereas this agreement is a framework agreement setting out minimum...
 - 16. Whereas the right of parental leave in this agreement is...
 - 17. Whereas it is important to take into account the special...
 - 18. Whereas Member States should provide for the maintenance of entitlements...
 - 19. Whereas Member States should also, where appropriate under national conditions...
 - 20. Whereas experiences in Member States have shown that the level...

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- 21. Whereas the access to flexible working arrangements makes it easier...
- 22. Whereas parental leave arrangements are meant to support working parents...
- 23. Whereas this agreement takes into consideration the need to improve...
- 24. Whereas the social partners are best placed to find solutions...

II. Content

Clause Purpose and scope

- 1. This agreement lays down minimum requirements designed to facilitate the...
- 2. This agreement applies to all workers, men and women, who...
- 3. Member States and/or social partners shall not exclude from the...

Clause 2Parental leave

- 1. This agreement entitles men and women workers to an individual...
- 2. The leave shall be granted for at least a period...

Clause 3Modalities of application

- 1. The conditions of access and detailed rules for applying parental...
- 2. Member States and/or social partners shall establish notice periods to...
- 3. Member States and/or social partners should assess the need to...

Clause 4Adoption

1. Member States and/or social partners shall assess the need for...

Clause 5Employment rights and non-discrimination

- 1. At the end of parental leave, workers shall have the...
- 2. Rights acquired or in the process of being acquired by...
- 3. Member States and/or social partners shall define the status of...
- 4. In order to ensure that workers can exercise their right...
- 5. All matters regarding social security in relation to this agreement...

Clause & Return to work

- 1. In order to promote better reconciliation, Member States and/or social...
- 2. In order to facilitate the return to work following parental...

Clause 7Time off from work on grounds of force majeure

- 1. Member States and/or social partners shall take the necessary measures
- 2. Member States and/or social partners may specify the conditions of...

Clause &Final provisions

- 1. Member States may apply or introduce more favourable provisions than...
- 2. Implementation of the provisions of this agreement shall not constitute...
- 3. This agreement shall not prejudice the right of social partners...
- 4. Member States shall adopt the laws, regulations and administrative provisions...
- 5. The prevention and settlement of disputes and grievances arising from...
- 6. Without prejudice to the respective role of the Commission, national...
- 7. The signatory parties shall review the application of this agreement...

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- (1) OJ L 145, 19.6.1996, p. 4.
- (2) OJ L 10, 16.1.1998, p. 24
- (3) Renumbered: Article 154(2) and (3) of the TFEU.
- (4) Renumbered: Articles 154(4) and 155 of the TFEU.
- (5) OJ C 321, 31.12.2003, p. 1.