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Directive on discontinuing seasonal changes of time

Dear Prime Minister,

First, we would like to thank you for your important work in the course of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The priorities of the Swedish Presidency, such as security, competitiveness, green and energy transitions, democratic values and the rule of law, are of utmost importance, especially during this time of historic challenges.

On the 25th of March, EU citizens will have to undergo the seasonal change of time once again. For years, the European Parliament is calling on the Member States to agree on discontinuing the current system of bi-annual clock changes. The Member States have still not found a common position on the Commission's proposal from September 2018 for a *Directive on discontinuing seasonal changes of time*.



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The European Commission conducted a citizens' survey from 4 July 2018 to 16 August 2018 on the bi-annual clock changes. The public response was very strong: 4.6 million citizens participated in the survey. A broad majority of the respondents in this survey were in favour of discontinuing the bi-annual clock changes. The Member States must finally respond to the public opinion on the clock change.

Therefore, we call on the Swedish Presidency to put the *Proposal for a Directive on discontinuing seasonal changes of time* on the agenda of the next Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting on the 1st of June in the spirit of finally agreeing in Council on this topic in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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