Question for written answer E-015733/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Isabelle Thomas (S&D)

Subject: Compliance with Judgment C-131/04 of the Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ)

As guardian of the Treaties, the Commission has the responsibility of ensuring EU law is applied, under the control of the ECJ. Compliance with this legislation is one of the mainstays of the social contract uniting EU citizens and enabling us to live together, through a sense of community and equal treatment.

A representative of an EU trade union contacted me recently about this because he considers that EU law on paid holidays is being infringed.

He considers that the rights of many employees are being infringed nowadays as a result of EU law either not being applied at all or only partially so. He bases his case on Article 7 of Directive 93/104/EC, under which EU workers are entitled to four weeks paid holiday, and points 51 and 52 of ECJ Judgment C-131/04 which stipulates that workers must receive paid holidays in addition to the salary they receive for 'work done'.

Democratic transparency must be upheld and the rights of our fellow citizens respected. Could the Commission therefore clarify how it defines the term 'work done' so that this judgment may be applied?

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