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## **Luxembourg weighting? Don't be fooled!**

Establishing a weighting for Luxembourg requires **amending the Staff Regulations** (Article 64 and Annex XI).

So, the demand put about by one of the unions is like playing Russian roulette with a fully-loaded gun! A kind of 'lottery' which is no joke!

Indeed, amending the Staff Regulations requires a proposal from the Commission and a co-decision of the European Parliament and the Council, just for starters.

- First, the Staff Regulations need to be amended to allow for the creation of a weighting for the **capital city** of a country, which is **distinct** from that of the country itself.
- Second, Article 64 of the Staff Regulations, which provides that "**No correction coefficient shall be applicable in Belgium and Luxembourg ...**", as well as other Articles of Annex XI, have to be repealed.

But is there a single reasonable person who believes the co-legislators would let themselves be hustled into a Regulations-changing exercise just to increase the salaries of "Eurocrats" (the scapegoats for a rudderless Europe)?

For a long time now, trade unions, including our Luxembourg-based adventurers, have been receiving messages from the employer's side:

- The expatriation allowance would no longer be compatible with a Luxembourg weighting for those **residing** outside the G-D of Luxembourg; cross-border workers (the most vulnerable amongst us) would lose it.
- If Luxembourg were to be decoupled from Brussels, Luxembourg would become the reference (= 100%), while Brussels and other places would be re-weighted accordingly (downwards, of course), therefore they would lose out.

And the employer's imagination is inexhaustible when it comes to making savings (at the expense of the staff, of course) ...

**SO, ENTRUST THE DEFENCE OF YOUR RIGHTS TO THE TEAM YOU CAN COUNT ON:  
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