

Statement of the Committee on Foreign Affairs 2019/20:UU5

Summary – the position of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Commission Work Programme 2020

The Committee on Foreign Affairs is positive that the Commission is presenting a Work Programme with specific initiatives, as this will facilitate member states' planning of EU work and will contribute to openness surrounding the Commission's priorities. The Committee would like to emphasise for example how important it is that the Commission is clear in its priorities so that the committees' resources can be used effectively and the national parliaments can perform their tasks in an appropriate way. At an overall level, the Committee would like to stress the fact that the EU must fulfil its obligations in the areas in which the Union has pledged itself to act and where there is a clear European added value. It is therefore of central importance that the Commission will also continue to place emphasis on the implementation of existing legislation. The Committee is positive to the Commission's work with better regulation. The Committee is looking forward to the Government getting back to the Riksdag as the individual proposals in the Commission's work programme are presented.

Comments on the Work Programme have been submitted by the Committee on the Constitution, the Committee on Taxation, The Committee on Civil Affairs, the Committee on Defence, the Committee on Social Insurance, the Committee on Environment and Agriculture and the Committee on the Labour Market. All comments are attached in appendices to this statement.