

**Question for written answer E-007155/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Keeping the HELLENIC STEEL plant open and safeguarding workers' jobs, wages and rights

It has been announced that HELLENIC STEEL (a subsidiary of the Italian group ILVA), which employs 270 workers, had an annual turnover of EUR 100 million, holds a 40% share of the domestic market and has a significant export business, is being closed down and that workers there will be made redundant.

This is due to:

- the parent company' objective to restructure production so as to make it more profit-oriented and to concentrate operations in factories in countries where profits are greatest;
- the EU's strategy which serves the needs of the monopolies and multinationals and facilitates the concentration of capital;
- Greek Government policy to implement the policy guidelines of the EU and the plans of monopolistic conglomerates.

How does the Commission view the just demand of workers that the HELLENIC STEEL plant should not be closed and that steps should be taken to safeguard workers' jobs, wages and rights?