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to the Commission
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Subject: Salary adjustment in Spain

In a recent document on the Spanish economy presented by the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, the European Commission makes clear the impact on the Spanish labour market of the policy of austerity and internal devaluation. In the report, the Commission claims that salary adjustment 'has been slow and inefficient, and has been disproportionately hard on temporary workers'.

The report shows that temporary workers have suffered harsher job losses and deeper salary cuts. Furthermore, in the case of permanent workers, it highlights that more workers with shorter length of service have lost their jobs, on account of the lower cost of making them redundant.

Given the effects described in the report, does the Commission consider that the policies of austerity and internal devaluation adopted in Spain have achieved desirable results?

Does it consider that current Spanish labour legislation is suitable for employment to recover?

Is it carrying out any analysis of the effects described in the report, bearing in mind the labour market reforms demanded of Spain by the Commission itself?