

**Question for written answer E-000704/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Coca-Cola Iberian Partners' redundancy plan

In June 2014, the Spanish High Court ruled that Coca-Cola Iberian Partners' (CCIP) redundancy plan – under which 821 workers had been made redundant and three bottling plants had been closed – was invalid. The court ordered CCIP to reinstate all the workers who had been dismissed and to compensate them in full for the wages they had lost. The court also found that the merger of seven Coca-Cola bottlers to form CCIP had not been carried out in accordance with the correct procedures and that workers' representatives had not been duly informed of the change. The workers' unions had also not been duly informed of the plans to restructure the company and to circumvent strikes at some of the plants by transferring distribution operations to other plants.

1. Will the Commission, in its capacity as joint guarantor of EU law together with the Court of Justice, require the Spanish Government to ensure that CCIP obeys the law?
2. Would it agree that it should make sure that EU workers are afforded adequate protection, given that in this instance CCIP violated a number of fundamental rights, including the right to strike, as well as Articles 24 and 28 of the Spanish Constitution and Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Title IV of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?