

Question for written answer E-002263/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Compensation for losses incurred through sanctions against Russia

Following the escalation of the trade war that has been underway since last summer, the Russian Federation has decided to block imports of machinery from the EU.

For Italy, this sector is one of the Big Four (alongside clothing, food and furnishings), identified as export leaders in all international trade reports.

This, together with failure of the Italian Government to introduce structural reforms, has further exacerbated the crisis.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what programmes will be adopted to offset European business losses arising from this political battle of wills, so as to ensure that business employers and their workforces are not made to pay the price for possibly questionable political choices, which cannot be analysed here?