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to the Commission**

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Subject: European businesses and goods made in Italy

At the hearings for the Juncker Commission, the Commissioner for the Single Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Elzbieta Bieñkowska, said that she wanted a single market that was fair and supported trade, investments and productivity.

According to Eurostat sources, direct foreign investments by the EU are supporting European companies which have one or more stages of their production in a non-EU country. In Italian industry, the fragmentation of production is causing the disappearance of goods made in Italy, a massive drop in turnover and a sharp rise in unemployment. The encouragement of free trade, if not accompanied by regulations which restrict unfair competition and guarantee respect for the rules of trade, causes a sharp downturn in the European market, to the detriment of product quality.

How is the Commission thinking of supporting, without damage to local economies, European businesses which invest in trade deals with developing economies?

Can the Commission say how to save Italian companies and their excellent products from globalisation and the fragmentation of production, without causing a loss of quality of the goods made in Italy, and without harming employment?

Does the Commission intend to make European industry more competitive and create jobs by means of fair terms of competition?