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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - World Day Against Child Labour

On the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour, a joint statement¹ was released by various top-level members of the Commission, including the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, and Vice-President of the Commission Neven Mimica. According to the statement, 'Child labour not only condemns children today and future generations to lives of poverty and social injustice, but is depriving the entire world of an invaluable capital of knowledge, resourcefulness and creativity.' It further adds that: 'Even in developed economies, the economic crisis has created an environment in which more and more children and minors give up on school. But no child should have to sacrifice their childhood and education to provide for their family or indeed to ensure their own survival.'

In view of this statement, does the Commission not think that the economic crisis and the austerity measures that were put forward by recommendation of the Commission contribute to the environment in which children and minors give up on school?

Does the Commission have data on the number of children and minors that work in the EU?

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-15-5177_en.htm