

**Question for written answer E-011884/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Mass redundancy at Lajes Field

On 8 January 2015, the US Government announced its intention to cut the number of Air Force personnel at Lajes Field on the island of Terceira in the Azores. This implies an enormous reduction in the number of direct and indirect jobs for Portuguese civilians. In terms of direct jobs, it is expected that 420 of the 800 or so Portuguese workers employed at the base will be made redundant. This will be the largest ever mass redundancy in the Azores.

1. Does the Commission think this mass redundancy meets the conditions for a possible application for funding under the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund?
2. Has the Portuguese Government made any inquiries in this respect?