

**Question for written answer E-000169/2017/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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**Subject:** Unacceptable dismissal by the Papastratos corporation of an employee suffering from a long-term health condition

In a revelation of the hideous face of capitalist employers, the multinational monopoly of 'Papastratos – Philip Morris' proceeded with the unacceptable dismissal of an employee suffering from multiple sclerosis, although the company was aware of his health condition. The company, which has won the reputation of 'Top Employer', attempted to conceal the real cause of dismissal, and the employee was told the real reason just one day after he collected hospitalisation compensation.

The employer's brutality is representative of the employment jungle that the EU and the SYRIZA-ANEL coalition, as with its predecessors, have created, despite their hypocritical announcements about 'non-discrimination' and supposedly 'protecting the vulnerable'.

Despite the final outcome of the case following a struggle by workers and disability organisations, the responsibility of the company for the dismissal of the suffering employee cannot be concealed, nor can the fact that, in many companies, people with disabilities are either not hired, degraded at work, or made redundant.

In light of the above:

- What is the Commission's position on the necessity that no people with disabilities or who are chronically ill be dismissed from work? What is its view on the need for people with disabilities or who are chronically ill, their parents and their guardians to be recruited on a massive scale to stable, permanent jobs?