

**Question for written answer E-001121/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Inadmissible CJEU judgment authorising the dismissal of pregnant women in the context of collective redundancies

This judgment by Court of Justice of the European Union gives enterprises the 'freedom' also to dismiss pregnant women in the context of collective redundancies.

This is another provocative judgment by the Court and the European Union institutions that represents an unprecedented act of social barbarity.

The main reason for 'personnel restructuring' in enterprises is to achieve greater profits by cutting wage costs, downgrading labour relations and laying off workers.

It is provocative and misleading to 'clarify' that the dismissal of a pregnant woman is permitted provided that the reason for the dismissal is not her pregnancy itself, even though it is in fact her pregnancy and maternity that are the cause of this dismissal. They are even regarded as 'unreasonable costs' for the enterprise and already lead to thousands of pregnant women and mothers being made redundant; these redundancies will increase exponentially with the above judgment, which officially removes the last vestiges of maternity protection.

Such monstrous judgments are based on the anti-labour legislation of the governments of the Member States and of the European Union institutions (the Commission and the European Parliament) which serve the interests of capital.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

What view does it take of this unacceptable judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union, which is an unprecedented act of anti-labour barbarity, confirming that this is a fundamental feature of the European Union?