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Subject: Serious events that took place in Rome on 29 October 2014 during the AST workers' demonstration

Workers from the Acciai Speciali Terni (AST) steelworks, who were demonstrating on 29 October 2014 in Rome, were hit by the police with truncheons for reasons that are as yet unclear.

The blood shed by the workers from Terni to defend the right to work has greatly upset the entire country.

In Rome, decent people who were peacefully demonstrating against the industrial plan of ThyssenKrupp, which includes more than 500 redundancies, were beaten up. Furthermore, up to now, ThyssenKrupp has not been paying its salaries on time.

The Italian Government has infringed Articles 1, 3, 10 and 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as can be seen in the video recordings of the events; AST workers have suffered inhuman and degrading treatment and the serious interference of the police force has limited their freedom of expression and opinion.

Italy is one of the member countries that has been convicted the most often by the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg for its human rights violations.

1. Is the Commission aware of these events?
2. Can the Commission, within the limits of its powers, provide tangible help to the 500 or more workers who are likely to be made redundant?