

**Question for written answer P-009033/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Public order management during the demonstration of workers from the AST steelworks in Terni

On 29 October 2014, during a demonstration of steelworkers from the AST company in Terni, the police brutally charged the workers and their union representatives. The protest, which took place in front of the German Embassy, was a totally peaceful one, while the crowd management by the police was inadequate and aggressive. As a result of these police charges some workers and union representatives were injured and four of them had to be hospitalised.

We would hereby point out that the aim of this workers' protest was, and is, to prevent Thyssen Krupp from laying off 537 employees.

Under Article 28 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights the right to strike is an inalienable right.

1. What action will the Commission take to ensure that this right is respected and that workers can freely express themselves in a peaceful manner, in Italy and throughout the European Union?
2. Will the Commission support the introduction of ID numbers for law enforcement officers responsible for public order?
3. What specific steps will it take to help find a solution with regard to the management of the steelworks in Terni, in terms of both the continuity of production and the maintenance of jobs, also in order to prevent irreversible industrial and social damage?