

**Question for written answer P-012714/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Closure of the Valeo plant in Martorelles (Barcelona)

The Valeo multinational company recently announced its decision to close its Martorelles (Barcelona) factory and to transfer production to the company's other sites. Martorelles has seen several waves of redundancies since 2009 and the workforce has fallen from 442 to the current 257. In July 2014 an agreement was struck between workers and management to ensure production until 2019.

In the first quarter of 2015 the parent company announced that profits were up by 34%. Moreover, the larger part of production goes to supply customers also based in Catalonia (Nissan 18%, Volkswagen-SEAT 54%). The decision to close the plant is thus logistically all the more puzzling.

Taking account of the provisions of Article 2 of Directive 98/59/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies:

- Does the Commission think that all avenues for further negotiation have been explored in the case of Valeo Martorelles?
- What is the Commission's policy line with regard to collective redundancies in the EU?
- Does the Commission feel that the Spanish state should mediate between the workers affected and the French multinational?