

**Question for written answer P-000215/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Caterpillar case and compliance with EU Quality Framework for Anticipation of Change and Restructuring

In its 2013 communication on 'The EU Quality Framework for Anticipation of Change and Restructuring', the Commission recommended the adoption by employers of the following good practices, in particular:

- reaching internal consensus based on joint deliberations clearly establishing the need for change within a company, accompanied by in-depth information and consultation of employees at an early stage;
- involvement at an early stage of external stakeholders (regional authorities, universities, training centres and supply chains);

However, this advice was cynically disregarded by Caterpillar senior management, its ruthless decision to close the company flying in the face of Commission recommendations.

The Commission communication also calls for evaluation reports and possible revision of the Quality Framework in 2016, so as to 'establish whether further action is necessary, including a legislative proposal'.

Has the Commission received these evaluation reports?

Have the actions of Caterpillar's senior management been duly investigated?

Given that Caterpillar has totally disregarded the Quality Framework, does the Commission not consider it appropriate to present a legislative proposal to underpin the directives on information and consultation of workers so as to avoid further hardship?