

**Question for written answer P-001334/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Relocations and corporate social responsibility in France

The UK home improvement retailer Kingfisher has announced the relocation to Poland of its accounting operations and the closure of 446 jobs in France at Castorama and Brico Dépôt. It has also asked its French employees to train the Polish staff who will replace them. In other words, the new workers will be trained by the very people who are being laid off on account of this relocation. These practices smack of social and fiscal dumping.

In addition, Carrefour announced in early January a transformation plan and thousands of lay-offs, putting the interests of shareholders ahead of those of the Group in general and the employees in particular.

In both cases economic and tax interests are outweighing those of the workers.

- 1) Does the Commission not consider that such relocations within the EU and these economic redundancies are incompatible with the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights?
- 2) Can the Commission state what aid these retailers have received from the EU and the Member States?
- 3) When will corporate social and societal responsibility become mandatory?