

**Question for written answer P-006029/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Closure of Alcoa factories

Alcoa has just announced the closure of two factories, one in A Coruña and another in Avilés, which would result in redundancies for almost 700 workers (369 at the former and 317 at the latter).

The situation in the European aluminium and steel sectors is very worrying, bearing in mind that this announcement comes on top of events such as the closures of the Caterpillar and Alstom factories.

It is unacceptable for industry to decline in Europe when one of the EU's targets is the exact opposite: to increase industry's share of GDP to 20% in 2020.

In a 2016 communication, the Commission announced measures to defend against unfair trade practices in an effort to counteract dumping (overproduction in China), tackle the causes of global overcapacity and modernise the industry. Given the subsequent closures, those measures were evidently inadequate.

1. In view of the above, is the Commission considering proposing new measures to counter dumping by countries like China?
2. Is it considering proposing new measures to tackle the causes of the closures in the sector?
3. When is it going to present a comprehensive strategy for the future of EU industrial policy, as the Council and Parliament have demanded?