

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2004



2009

24.9.2007

0081/2007

WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka, Marcin Libicki and Czesław Siekierski

on the future of the Gdansk shipyard

Lapse date: 24.12.2007

Written declaration on the future of the Gdansk shipyard

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. having regard to the fundamental EU principle of sustainable development, which means that economic growth must be ensured while respecting the natural environment, as well as Europe's cultural heritage,
 - B. having regard to the basic principle of the European Union concerning the need to ensure that the requirements of competitiveness are met,
 - C. whereas the Gdansk shipyard, an enterprise which continues to employ thousands of workers, is a symbol of the fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe, representing the beginning of a new direction for many countries on the road towards full European integration,
 - D. whereas, because of its symbolic nature, the Gdansk shipyard is an important part of Europe's history and culture and a living testimony to the struggle of nations for freedom and democracy, and should therefore be treated with special care by the European Union,
1. Considers that the conditions imposed on the Gdansk shipyard by the European Commission - namely that it should drastically curb its activities by closing two of its three working slipways or else repay the State aid it has received - will lead to its bankruptcy and as a result its total destruction;
 2. Urges the Commission immediately to review its position on this matter and to take into account the circumstances described at the start of this declaration;
 3. Urges the Commission to adopt a decision condoning the public aid provided to the Gdansk shipyard, thanks to which it was returning to profitability;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and to the parliaments of the Member States.