

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0799/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Commission communication on its strategic objectives 2000-20005 and work programme for the year 2000 (COM(2000) 155 final)

1. On the subject of trade relations, the Commission states that its main objective remains 'seeking further trade liberalisation as a stimulus to growth and development, by strengthening the rules-based trading system'.
 - (a) What specific measures does it envisage, particularly in the context of the WTO negotiations?
2. The Commission is about to launch the first stage consultation of the social partners on adaptability and modernisation of work organisation and working conditions.
 - (a) Can it provide details of the measures it intends to promote?
 - (b) Can it clarify what it means by the 'modernisation' of social protection systems?
 - (c) Does it consider that flexibility and lack of job security is the price that has to be paid for combating unemployment?