

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0603/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Closure of Lear group factory (Lleida province, Spain)

The factory of the multinational group Lear in Cervera (Lleida/Lérida province, Spain) appears certain to close in the near future.

This factory has been paying the lowest possible wages for the metal sector. 80% of its workers are women. Given above-average profit levels in excess of EUR 300 m over the last seven years, the decision to cease operations may be considered a clear case of a measure that is not and cannot be justified in social terms.

What measures are envisaged to ensure that decisions of this nature are not made in the face of the rights of workers and, more generally, of the less-favoured strata and of regions and communities for whom establishments such as this are the main source of employment?

What measures have been decided in this specific case?