

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0644/05  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Transfer of production to low-cost countries - social dumping

Does the Commission unreservedly approve and uphold what the Commissioner with special responsibility for regional policy is reported to have said? In the 8 February 2005 edition of the French business and financial daily newspaper 'La Tribune', in reply to a question from the press, she came out in favour of intra-European social dumping, saying that [, on the contrary,] steps must be taken to facilitate transfer of production to low-cost countries in Europe, since European companies would, overall, be able to reduce their costs and thus become stronger.