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to the Commission

Subject: The European Commission's conditions for saving the Alstom Corporation

The European Commission has approved investment by the French state in the Alstom Corporation, which is threatened by bankruptcy, subject to specific conditions being fulfilled.

1. Can the Commission indicate all the conditions that it is imposing on the French state for the approval of the Alstom rescue package?
2. Have these conditions been put in place and how does the Commission ensure that these conditions are adhered to?
3. What capacities or factories are to be closed down, either completely or in part? What is the current position regarding these closures?
4. What concrete measures has the Commission taken to avoid job cutbacks in the Alstom Corporation?
5. What initiatives has the Commission in place to promote, at European level, cooperation and mergers between businesses in the energy and transport sectors, including the Alstom Corporation, and/or to form what are known as 'European Champions'?
6. What assistance from European Union programmes will be used by Alstom (aim, timeframe, amount, conditions) and how are jobs to be secured in the long term?