WRITTEN QUESTION E-1561/07 by Gerardo Galeote (PPE-DE) and Ana Mato Adrover (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Announcement concerning the closure of the Delphi plant at Puerto Real (Cádiz)

Recently, the firm Delphi announced the closure of its plant at Puerto Real, near Cádiz in southern Spain. The closure will affect 1600 direct jobs and another 2500 indirect jobs in an economically vulnerable area with high unemployment.

Delphi has been receiving state and regional aid, and it was also committed to an industrial plan up to 2010, which included specific commitments as regards permanent employment.

In the light of the above, is the Commission intending to seek any explanations, or establish where the responsibility lies as regards the failure to comply with the industrial plan and to guarantee jobs until 2010?

Is the Commission intending to take any action with a view to preventing such things from happening again in future?

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