

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2929/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Candy in Brugherio

The management of Candy in Brugherio has announced its intention not to renew some 30 employment contracts and therefore to initiate the redundancy procedure. The undertaking's decision violates the formal agreements concluded with the workers on 21 October 2007, under which the 'employment credit' was to mature and employees were to have the right to be employed on an indefinite contract at the end of a certain period; what is cause for concern is that most of the employees who have been made redundant were within a few weeks of qualifying for permanent employment, giving rise to the suspicion that the undertaking's action may have been premeditated as a way of evading the terms of the agreement.

1. Will the Commission ask the Italian Government to enforce employment directives, particularly those on collective redundancies and procedures for consulting employees and their representatives, such as Directives 98/59/EC¹ and 94/45/EC²?
2. Would the Commission not consider the conduct of the management of Candy in Brugherio to be worrying if it were indeed to be proven that the failure to honour the agreements reached with the trade unions was a premeditated act?

¹ OJ L 225, 12.8.1998, p. 16.

² OJ L 254, 30.9.1994, p. 64.