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to the Commission

Subject: Right to strike in Italy

While Europe is looking at the idea of common strategies to counter the economic crisis and making an effort to come up with instruments capable of addressing socio-industrial unrest that may be caused by the ever-rising number of redundancies, in Italy the government appears to be viewing developments solely in terms of law and order, with the police charging workers demonstrating against redundancies and factory closures twice in the space of one week, in Pomigliano d'Arco and Milan.

Would the Commission not agree that the action taken by the police during the above worker demonstrations was in breach of Article 28 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which reads: 'Workers (...) have, in accordance with Community law and national laws and practices, the right (...), in cases of conflicts of interest, to take collective action to defend their interests, including strike action'?