

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2105/09

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to the Commission

Subject: Closure of Indesit factory in None (Turin, Italy)

- On 5 March the management of the company *Indesit* confirmed its intention to close the factory in None, Piedmont (Turin, Italy) – which employs some 600 clerical and manual workers and produces 85 000 domestic electrical appliances – because of a sharp contraction in the market. Accordingly, the company considers production in the factories of None and Radomsko, Poland, to be unsustainable. The decision to retain the Polish factory at the expense of the Turin factory is purely for reasons of competitiveness on the international markets;
- according to press sources, the desire of the company management to close the None factory and retain the Radomsko factory is also linked to the possibility of receiving state aid in Poland. This would mean that the factory closure and redundancies of some 600 Italian workers would correspond to an increase in recruitment in the Polish factory, which would be genuine 'social dumping' within the EU, to the detriment of Community competition and state aid rules;

In the light of the above, could the Commission specify

1. what measures the Commission intends to adopt to prevent the closure of the 'Indesit Spa' factory, and
2. how does it intend to check that the closure of the factory in question will not be matched by an increase in employment in the Radomsko factory, which is a prerequisite for obtaining specific funding from the host country, and what measures does it intend to adopt in this regard?