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Subject: Dismissal of employees at the Safilo Group

The Safilo Group, the world's second biggest manufacturer of sunglasses by turnover and a world leader in the high-end sunglasses sector, has recently decided to begin a corporate restructuring plan in the Veneto region, which will lead to 1 000 employees being laid off and will badly affect the local economy.

This is the latest example of a European company being forced to adopt measures such as dismissals or the relocation of production facilities to deal with the economic crisis.

In view of what is happening not only in the Veneto region but in many regions of Europe, can the Commission say:

1. what instruments it has at its disposal to help European companies that risk having to adopt similar measures to deal with current financial difficulties;
2. what strategy it is pursuing to deal with similar emergencies, which are having serious economic and social repercussions?