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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Mass redundancies at Fiat plant in Tychy

In recent weeks Fiat has announced large-scale redundancies at its plant in Tychy, Poland and the transfer of production to Italy. More than 1500 workers will be laid off at the same time, which will dramatically worsen the labour market situation in the Upper Silesia region.

1. Has the Polish Government already asked the Commission to mobilise funds from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for workers laid off at the Fiat plant in Tychy? When will the Commission be able to disburse this assistance to the workers made redundant?
2. How much funding does the Commission intend to allocate from the European Social Fund to help workers made redundant in Tychy, and when will this funding be made available? Is it known yet how many people will receive such assistance?
3. How does the Commission intend to support the return to the labour market of workers in the automotive industry laid off as a result of the economic crisis?
4. What action does the Commission intend to take to enhance the competitiveness and the state of the automotive industry in Europe?