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to the Commission**

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Subject: Economic and social situation of people with disabilities

The European financial and economic crisis has become a social and human rights crisis as well. Unemployment, poverty and exclusion are growing across the EU.

Social services are crucial to ensuring that people with disabilities can enjoy the right to an independent life and the opportunity to participate in public life. These are rights which must be guaranteed under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

What action will the Commission take in carrying out its macroeconomic policies in order to achieve progress in the implementation of the UN Convention?

What measures will the Commission implement in order to promote support for employment and to strengthen social security systems?

Is the Commission considering reforming the European Semester process so as to ensure that the EU's macroeconomic policy and social inclusion objectives and those of poverty reduction are made more compatible?

Are there any plans to develop a specific strategy for the employment of people with disabilities, social inclusion and poverty reduction laying down clear-cut objectives?