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Subject: Prospects for the automotive sector and European industrial policy

On 1°October 2019 CNH/FPT Industrial announced a company restructuring plan that will see the Pregnana Milanese plant spun-off and subsequently closed post 2020, while production will be concentrated at FPT Industrial in Turin and the logistics side of the business at the CNH plant in San Mauro, in the same province.

Currently the Pregnana plant produces marine engines, power units and highly customised industrial motors for the Italian market, as well as sizeable export sales. The company currently employs around internal and external 300 workers, in addition to a significant number of jobs in ancillary industries.

This restructuring plan is just one aspect of an overall picture of persistent signs of a crisis in the biggest automotive sector in Europe, of important new developments in terms of mergers between giants in the sector and companies in general having to restructure on account of, among other factors, the unavoidable necessity of complying with the EU's climate commitments.

Can the Commission say what action it is taking in response to the very serious situation described and how it will monitor the various crises ongoing in businesses in the Member States?

When will it present the new industrial policy strategy called for by Member States?