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to the Commission**

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Subject: The continued suffering of the EU steel industry

First ArcelorMittal in Italy, now it is the turn of the steel giant Tata Steel which has recently announced the loss of 3 000 jobs.

It is not just Italy that is affected by problems in the steel industry, the whole of the EU is suffering. In 2013 the Commission brought in an Action Plan to turn the sector around but there are still no signs of an improvement, either at socioeconomic level or as regards the environment.

The constant trade tensions and new environmental challenges mean the policies adopted up to now need to change, in order to protect workers in a new eco-sustainable context.

In view of Communication COM/2013/0407\_final, which announced the 'Action Plan for a competitive and sustainable steel industry' and the establishment of a 'High-Level Group on Steel':

1. Does the Commission intend to present a new industrial plan that takes account of the current situation in the EU and protects the environment, health and jobs?
2. Will it be possible to use the recently announced Just Transition Fund to finance redevelopment plans for disused factories in order to reduce their impact on the environment and protect the health of the people affected?
3. What impact has the 2013 European Action Plan had on the competitiveness of the EU steel industry?